



Homicide trends in the United States

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This site contains a series of charts that describe homicide patterns and trends in the United States since 1976.

Homicide is of interest not only because of its severity but also because it is a fairly reliable barometer of all violent crime. At a national level, no other crime is measured as accurately and precisely.

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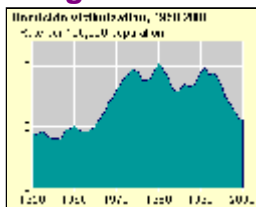
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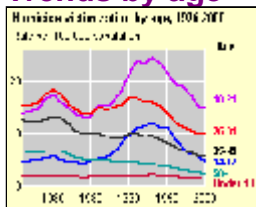


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Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the late 1960's

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The rise in teen involvement in homicide as both victims and offenders beginning in the mid-1980's was dramatic

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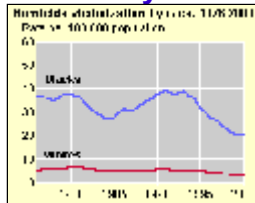


Most victims and perpetrators in homicides are male

- Homicide victimization rates by gender, 1976-2000
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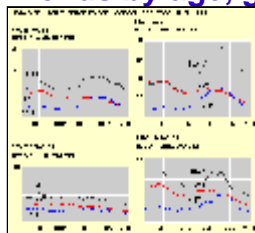


Racial differences exist, with blacks disproportionately represented among homicide victims and offenders

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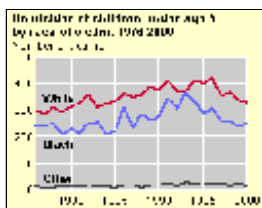
Dramatic increases in both homicide victimization and offending rates were experienced by young males, particularly young black males, in the late 1980's and early 1990's

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recently

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There has been a decline in homicide of intimates, especially male victims

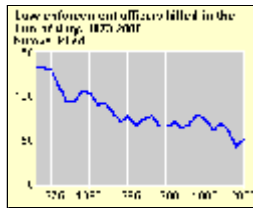
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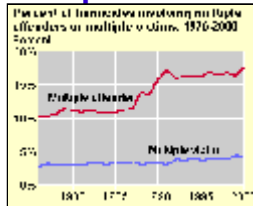
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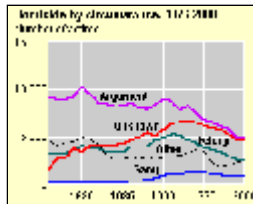


Few homicides involve multiple offenders and fewer involve multiple victims

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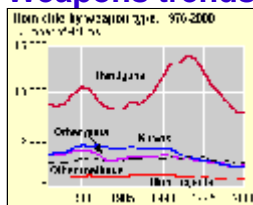


The mix of circumstances surrounding homicides has changed over the last two decades

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Homicides are most often committed with guns, especially handguns

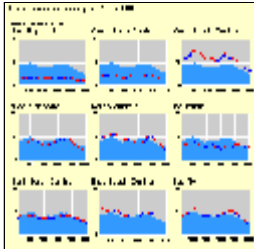
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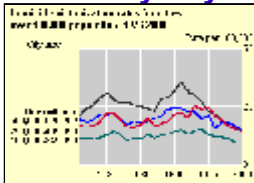
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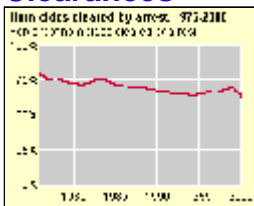


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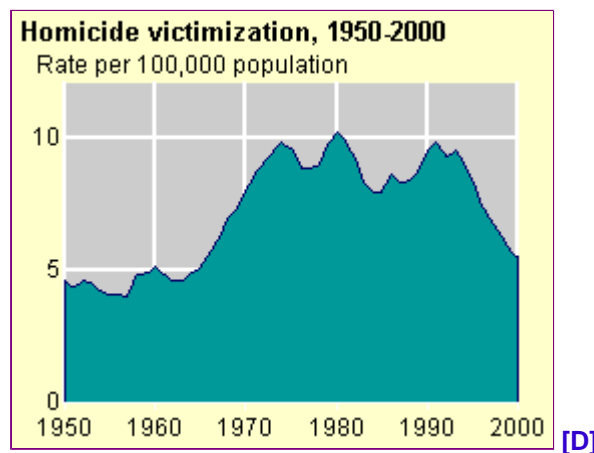
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Long term trends and patterns

Homicide rates recently declined to levels last seen in the late 1960's

The homicide rate doubled from the mid 1960's to the late 1970's. In 1980, it peaked at 10.2 per 100,000 population and subsequently fell off to 7.9 per 100,000 in 1985. It rose again in the late 1980's and early 1990's to another peak in 1991 of 9.8 per 100,000. Since then, the rate has declined sharply, reaching 5.5 per 100,000 by 2000.

To view data, click on the chart.



Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1950-2000

Additional information about the data used in *Homicide trends in the U.S.*

See also **Key Facts at a Glance** chart on **Homicide victimization rates, 1900-98** based on data from the Vital Statistics of the United States.

The demographic characteristics of homicide victims and offenders differ from the general population

Based on data for the years 1976-2000 -

- Blacks are disproportionately represented as both homicide victims and offenders. In terms of rates per 100,000, blacks are six times more likely to be victimized and about eight times more likely to commit homicide than are whites.
- Males represent three-quarters of homicide victims and nearly ninety percent of offenders. In terms of rates per 100,000, males are three times more likely to be killed, and almost eight times more likely to commit homicide than are females.
- Approximately one-third of murder victims and almost half the offenders are

under the age of 25. For both victims and offenders, the rate per 100,000 peaks in the 18-24 year-old age group.

Victims and Offenders by Demographic Group, 1976-2000

	Percent of -			Rate per 100,000 population	
	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	8.4	9.2
Age					
Under 14	4.7%	.5%	20.7%	1.9	.2
14-17	5.1%	10.2%	6.1%	6.8	15.3
18-24	23.5%	34.7%	11.1%	17.4	28.9
25-34	29.2%	29.1%	16.3%	14.7	16.5
35-49	22.6%	18.1%	19.9%	9.4	8.4
50-64	9.4%	5.6%	13.8%	5.6	3.7
65+	5.5%	1.9%	12.1%	3.7	1.5
Gender					
Male	76.4%	87.9%	48.7%	13.1	16.7
Female	23.6%	12.1%	51.3%	3.8	2.2
Race					
White	51.1%	46.4%	84.2%	5.0	5.1
Black	46.7%	51.5%	12.1%	31.9	39.3
Other	2.2%	2.0%	3.7%	4.9	5.2

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Homicide victimization, 1950-2000

Year	Homicide rate per 100,000 population	Estimated number of homicides
1950	4.6	7,020
1951	4.4	6,820
1952	4.6	7,210
1953	4.5	7,210
1954	4.2	6,850
1955	4.1	6,850
1956	4.1	6,970
1957	4.0	8,060
1958	4.8	8,220
1959	4.9	8,580
1960	5.1	9,110
1961	4.8	8,740
1962	4.6	8,530
1963	4.6	8,640
1964	4.9	9,360
1965	5.1	9,960
1966	5.6	11,040
1967	6.2	12,240
1968	6.9	13,800
1969	7.3	14,760
1970	7.9	16,000
1971	8.6	17,780
1972	9.0	18,670
1973	9.4	19,640
1974	9.8	20,710
1975	9.6	20,510
1976	8.8	18,780
1977	8.8	19,120
1978	9.0	19,560
1979	9.7	21,460
1980	10.2	23,040

1981	9.8	22,520
1982	9.1	21,010
1983	8.3	19,310
1984	7.9	18,690
1985	7.9	18,980
1986	8.6	20,610
1987	8.3	20,100
1988	8.4	20,680
1989	8.7	21,500
1990	9.4	23,440
1991	9.8	24,700
1992	9.3	23,760
1993	9.5	24,530
1994	9.0	23,330
1995	8.2	21,610
1996	7.4	19,650
1997	6.8	18,210
1998	6.3	16,910
1999	5.7	15,533
2000	5.5	15,517

Source: FBI, Uniform Crime
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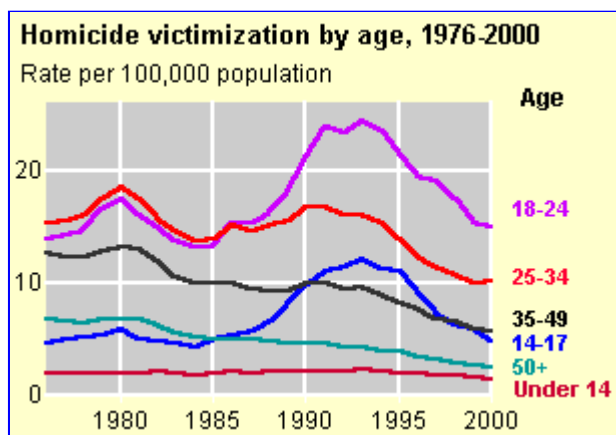
Age trends

Older teens and young adults have the highest homicide victimization and offending rates

Homicide victimization rates for teenagers and young adults increased dramatically in the late 1980's while rates for older age groups declined; since the early 1990's rates have declined for all age groups

- Homicide victimization rates for children under age 14 have remained stable and low relative to older groups
- The homicide victimization rate for 14-17 year-olds increased almost 150% from 1985 to 1993
- 18-24 year-olds experienced the highest homicide victimization rates, a change from the late 1970's when 25-34 year-olds had the highest rates
- The victimization rates have generally declined for adults ages 25-34, 35-49, and 50 and over
- Since 1993, victimization rates for older teens and young adults have declined but still remain higher than the levels of the mid-1980's
- Since 1993, the victimization rates for young teens have declined to levels similar to those experienced from 1976-85.

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View an [animation of homicide victimization rates by age from 1980 to 2000](#).

Additional detail is available about homicides of children under age 5, **infanticide**, and homicides of persons age 65 and older, **eldercide**.

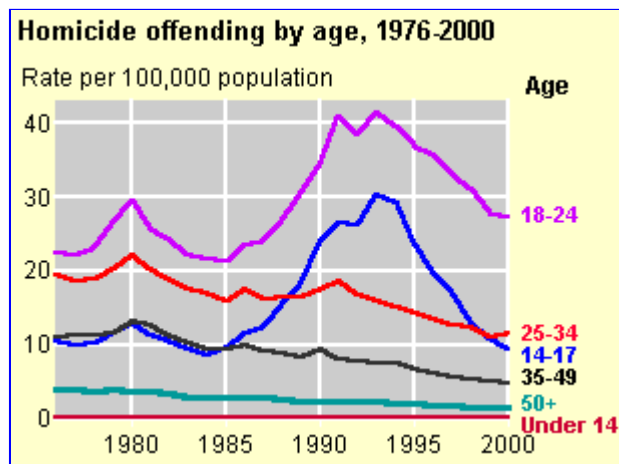
For more information about age patterns in violent victimization see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

Homicide offending rates followed a similar pattern

Offending rates for teenagers and young adults increased dramatically in the late 1980's while rates for older age groups declined

- the offending rates for children under age 14 changed little
- 18-24 year-olds have historically had the highest offending rates and their rates doubled from 1985 to 1993. Since 1993, offending rates for 18-24 year-olds have declined but remain higher than levels prior to the mid 1980's
- the homicide offending rates of 14-17 year-olds exploded after 1985, surpassing the rates of 25-34 year-olds and 35-49 year-olds. Recently, the offending rates for 14-17 year-olds have fallen below those for 25-34 year-olds

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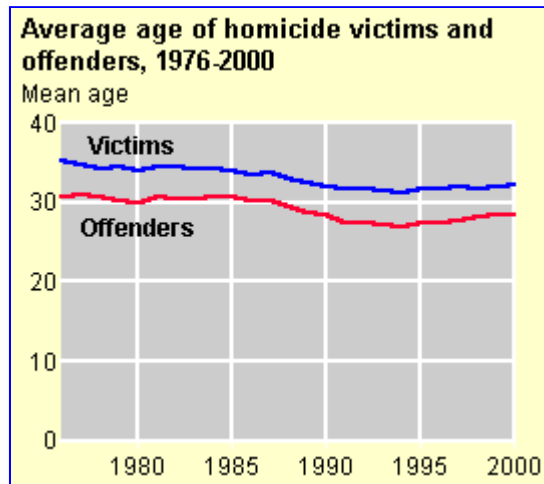
For more information about age patterns in violent offending see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

After many years of decline, the average age of both victims and offenders has leveled off

The average age of --

- victims is greater than that of offenders and fell from 35 years in 1976 to 31 years in 1994
- offenders fell from about 31 years in 1976 to 27 years in 1994
- both offenders and victims has increased slightly in recent years yet remains lower than it was prior to the mid-1980's

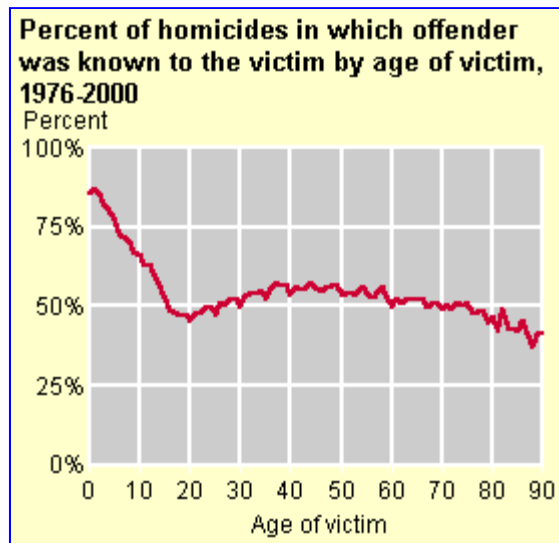
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Young victims were more likely to know the offender than older victims

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

Additional information about the data used in *Homicide trends in the U.S.*

The age distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2000 combined -

- Over one-quarter of the victims of gang-related killings are under the age of 18. Juveniles are also unusually involved as victims of family members, sex-related homicides, and homicide by arson or poison. At the other extreme, felony-murder, workplace murder and arson homicides claim a relatively large

percentage of older victims.

- Juveniles are especially implicated as offenders in homicides that involve multiple perpetrators, that are gang-related, and, to a lesser extent, that are felony-related.

Homicide Type by Age, 1976-2000								
Homicide type	Victims				Offenders			
	Under 18	18-34	35-49	50+	Under 18	18-34	35-49	50+
All homicides	9.8%	52.7%	22.6%	14.9%	10.6%	63.8%	18.1%	7.5%
Victim/offender relationship								
Intimate	2.2%	47.2%	33.4%	17.2%	1.1%	47.3%	33.8%	17.8%
Family	18.8%	33.1%	26.5%	21.6%	5.9%	49.5%	27.6%	17.0%
Infanticide	100.0%				8.5%	81.4%	9.0%	1.0%
Eldercide				100.0%	10.2%	48.4%	17.9%	23.6%
Circumstances								
Felony murder	7.7%	46.4%	21.4%	24.5%	15.6%	72.8%	9.7%	1.9%
Sex related	19.8%	45.5%	15.9%	18.7%	10.9%	74.3%	12.7%	2.1%
Drug related	5.5%	72.2%	19.3%	3.0%	12.0%	75.9%	10.9%	1.1%
Gang related	26.8%	66.2%	5.7%	1.3%	32.8%	65.6%	1.4%	.3%
Argument	5.4%	56.6%	26.0%	12.0%	6.9%	60.2%	23.2%	9.8%
Workplace	2.2%	28.4%	31.0%	38.4%	5.1%	51.9%	26.9%	16.0%
Weapon								
Gun homicide	7.5%	58.8%	22.5%	11.2%	11.5%	62.4%	17.5%	8.6%
Arson	28.4%	27.2%	18.8%	25.6%	11.8%	58.6%	22.7%	6.9%
Poison	26.8%	25.9%	16.1%	31.2%	3.6%	53.2%	26.5%	16.7%
Multiple victims or offenders								
Multiple victims	18.8%	45.6%	19.0%	16.7%	9.5%	65.3%	19.0%	6.3%
Multiple offenders	11.4%	54.9%	19.8%	13.9%	18.7%	72.6%	7.5%	1.2%

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Age

	Under 14	14- 17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	1.8	4.5	13.8	15.4	12.6	6.8
1977	1.9	4.9	14.3	15.5	12.3	6.6
1978	1.9	5.1	14.6	16.1	12.2	6.3
1979	1.8	5.2	16.5	17.5	12.8	6.7
1980	1.8	5.9	17.5	18.5	13.2	6.8
1981	1.9	5.0	16.0	17.5	13.0	6.7
1982	2.0	4.8	15.0	15.7	11.9	6.2
1983	1.8	4.5	13.7	14.6	10.5	5.5
1984	1.7	4.2	13.2	13.7	10.0	5.1
1985	1.8	4.9	13.2	13.9	9.9	5.0
1986	2.0	5.2	15.3	15.2	10.0	5.0
1987	1.8	5.7	15.4	14.6	9.4	4.9
1988	2.0	6.5	16.3	15.2	9.2	4.7
1989	2.0	7.9	18.1	15.5	9.2	4.6
1990	2.0	9.8	21.1	16.8	9.9	4.5
1991	2.1	11.1	23.9	16.7	10.0	4.5
1992	2.0	11.3	23.4	16.1	9.4	4.2
1993	2.2	12.1	24.4	16.1	9.5	4.2
1994	2.0	11.2	23.6	15.4	8.9	3.8
1995	1.9	11.0	21.5	13.9	8.2	3.8
1996	1.9	9.1	19.5	12.3	7.7	3.4
1997	1.7	7.3	19.1	11.4	6.8	3.2
1998	1.7	6.2	17.5	10.7	6.5	2.8

1999	1.6	5.9	15.4	9.9	5.9	2.6
2000	1.4	4.7	14.9	10.2	5.7	2.5

Homicide Victims by Age

	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	872	757	3,861	4,918	4,390	3,737
1977	885	807	4,064	5,128	4,322	3,672
1978	892	833	4,192	5,449	4,365	3,565
1979	844	844	4,785	6,109	4,648	3,834
1980	863	950	5,146	6,845	4,885	3,957
1981	892	796	4,768	6,802	4,835	4,010
1982	944	743	4,436	6,190	4,625	3,740
1983	858	678	4,044	5,858	4,260	3,311
1984	833	630	3,842	5,634	4,210	3,112
1985	857	716	3,796	5,808	4,302	3,087
1986	961	758	4,335	6,445	4,521	3,105
1987	880	834	4,289	6,289	4,376	3,059
1988	1,003	934	4,438	6,605	4,433	2,933
1989	1,023	1,131	4,834	6,740	4,591	2,889
1990	999	1,296	5,650	7,215	5,085	2,829
1991	1,087	1,487	6,304	7,178	5,314	2,901
1992	1,026	1,537	6,055	6,856	5,217	2,741
1993	1,167	1,674	6,364	6,903	5,292	2,798
1994	1,088	1,575	6,099	6,500	5,092	2,570
1995	1,019	1,601	5,459	5,757	4,832	2,580
1996	1,051	1,354	4,886	5,069	4,657	2,350
1997	943	1,115	4,721	4,619	4,233	2,231
1998	959	967	4,331	4,253	4,074	2,026
1999	882	915	3,901	3,868	3,763	1,936
2000	810	764	3,933	3,991	3,753	1,949

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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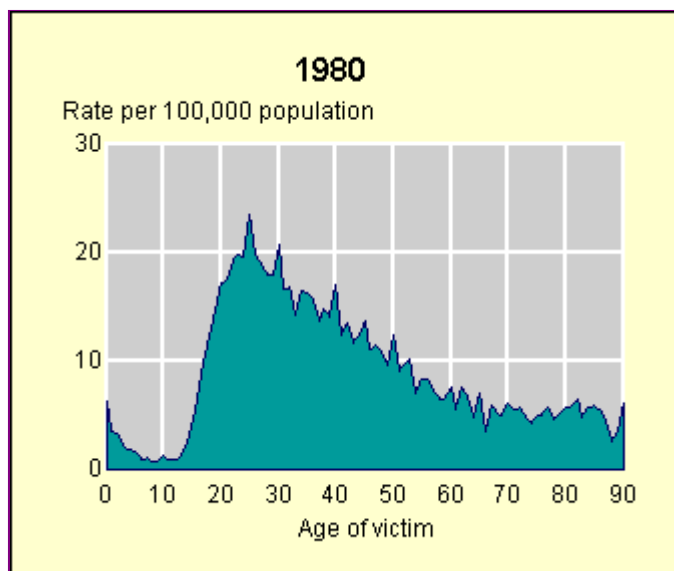
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In general -

- homicide victimization rates are higher for very young children than older children who have the lowest rates of all age groups
- older teens and young adults have the highest rates of victimization
- after age 25, victimization rates decline with age

In the mid 1980's, the pattern in homicide victimization rates by age changed as the rates for teens and young adults increased rapidly. By 1991, the rates for older teens and those in their early 20's greatly exceeded those for all other age groups. Since 1993, victimization rates have shown a similar pattern by age despite declines in the rates.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Age and Year

Age	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
0	6.25	5.67	6.75	6.23	5.58	5.59	7.58	7.04	7.32	7.47	7.66	8.84	6.72	7.31	7.04	7.09	8.14	7.36	7.09	6.85	6.86
1	3.50	3.60	3.46	3.60	3.39	3.64	3.94	3.19	3.65	3.79	4.45	4.47	4.95	5.41	4.58	4.51	5.15	4.24	4.05	3.31	3.27
2	3.22	3.29	3.73	3.23	3.68	3.02	3.53	3.08	3.58	2.77	2.80	3.60	2.96	3.48	3.76	3.41	3.14	2.55	2.84	3.01	3.01
3	2.05	2.07	2.18	1.78	1.72	2.09	2.51	2.01	2.03	2.15	1.49	1.90	1.59	2.19	2.62	1.88	2.47	1.74	2.23	2.03	1.42
4	1.79	1.58	1.73	1.67	1.35	1.24	1.60	1.36	1.26	1.82	1.16	1.26	1.44	1.18	1.63	1.60	1.27	1.14	1.13	1.02	.97
5	1.56	1.22	1.32	1.29	1.05	1.11	.90	1.02	1.33	1.05	1.10	.68	.93	1.18	.87	.91	1.09	1.09	1.24	.95	.53
6	.88	1.52	.93	.76	.82	1.34	.67	.78	.80	.81	.68	1.02	.57	1.03	.70	.70	1.07	.80	.65	.73	.87
7	.97	1.14	1.03	.85	1.11	.84	.90	.60	1.06	1.00	.67	.73	.79	.60	.79	.66	.45	.66	.79	.77	.63
8	.57	.75	1.02	.60	1.02	.85	.83	.58	1.08	1.12	.66	.78	.70	1.22	.53	.63	.45	.77	.68	.58	.55
9	.71	.88	1.03	.84	.53	.74	.70	.95	.72	1.06	.66	.39	.72	.92	.97	.39	.72	.73	.48	.60	.38
10	1.19	.86	.83	.75	.60	.82	.26	.76	.91	.77	.97	.74	.77	1.00	.57	.42	.45	.62	.82	.62	.31
11	.76	.73	.86	.66	.99	.75	1.05	1.05	1.13	.97	.86	.97	.80	.79	.62	.76	.58	.66	.75	.52	.32
12	.84	1.22	.88	.94	1.04	1.16	1.18	1.10	1.33	1.35	1.44	1.05	1.37	1.18	1.21	1.37	1.04	.94	1.03	.62	.80
13	1.22	1.58	1.49	1.34	1.03	1.34	1.56	1.26	1.79	1.97	2.15	2.10	2.40	2.79	2.27	2.18	1.46	1.41	1.33	1.41	.80
14	2.33	2.22	1.90	1.82	2.27	2.56	2.33	2.98	2.82	3.37	3.87	4.77	5.06	5.43	4.28	4.42	3.05	2.24	2.69	2.33	2.31
15	4.56	3.86	3.31	2.96	3.33	4.06	4.14	3.78	5.10	6.23	6.85	7.15	8.47	8.58	8.80	7.65	6.83	4.56	4.11	3.87	3.18
16	6.42	5.67	5.27	5.53	5.16	5.38	6.22	6.14	7.63	9.70	10.70	13.56	13.50	14.65	12.29	13.35	10.70	9.24	6.73	6.50	5.00
17	9.75	8.21	8.81	7.93	6.38	7.35	7.60	9.56	10.28	13.57	17.14	18.74	17.90	19.50	18.47	18.13	15.18	12.66	11.25	10.48	8.71
18	12.21	12.33	10.07	9.25	9.86	8.67	11.29	12.05	12.92	15.35	20.24	25.38	22.28	23.65	25.00	20.75	18.10	17.63	16.45	13.01	13.03
19	14.54	12.55	12.70	11.68	10.84	13.12	13.94	14.34	15.55	16.29	21.09	24.08	25.19	27.23	25.69	24.76	21.89	18.89	17.26	15.45	14.04

20	17.07	15.79	15.38	13.69	11.79	13.32	16.35	15.85	16.05	18.49	20.16	25.20	25.89	27.19	26.38	22.98	21.85	20.13	17.37	14.52	16.07
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22	19.20	16.96	15.78	15.20	14.61	14.28	17.06	16.66	17.99	18.55	21.68	24.98	23.03	24.45	24.19	22.53	20.02	18.46	19.22	15.96	15.68
23	19.79	17.98	17.11	15.99	15.11	14.77	15.99	16.20	17.15	18.53	22.35	23.89	22.83	24.71	21.78	20.52	18.30	19.01	16.53	15.12	16.14
24	19.49	17.51	16.78	15.35	14.76	14.44	16.47	16.39	17.17	18.71	21.87	20.70	20.63	20.62	19.73	17.95	17.07	18.27	15.11	15.02	14.54
25	23.39	21.22	17.26	16.87	16.56	16.94	18.67	20.00	22.99	22.38	21.98	21.99	22.31	23.13	20.28	19.12	17.46	16.25	15.89	12.72	14.96
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34	16.45	13.67	13.56	11.58	11.67	12.09	11.26	10.97	11.58	13.48	13.46	13.31	13.09	13.28	12.63	10.93	8.64	9.20	8.21	7.89	7.64
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38	14.70	12.79	13.00	11.69	11.49	9.51	11.43	10.36	11.89	11.64	12.31	12.18	10.68	11.93	11.32	8.84	8.85	8.68	7.93	7.12	6.49
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48	10.60	10.90	9.98	8.60	8.56	8.54	7.00	6.51	6.09	6.95	6.76	7.26	6.87	7.25	5.89	5.39	5.94	5.71	5.15	4.22	4.32

49	9.51	9.64	8.86	7.52	7.30	7.16	7.01	6.65	6.31	5.78	7.42	6.62	7.12	5.98	6.18	5.55	4.66	4.98	4.52	4.22	4.08
50	12.28	12.41	10.82	9.83	9.64	7.91	7.48	7.95	5.97	6.71	7.61	7.71	7.51	6.54	5.77	6.44	5.49	4.16	4.11	3.82	3.85
51	9.02	10.33	8.35	7.08	6.61	7.94	6.38	6.14	6.00	6.06	5.65	5.70	6.01	5.94	5.37	5.26	4.99	4.18	3.63	3.78	3.62
52	9.66	9.54	11.01	8.92	7.90	6.33	7.34	6.44	6.46	6.48	5.36	6.94	5.44	6.72	5.55	3.95	4.81	4.65	4.19	2.78	3.28
53	10.01	8.94	9.00	6.90	5.90	6.30	7.09	6.41	6.01	6.23	5.70	6.45	4.83	5.73	4.89	4.53	4.14	4.20	3.81	3.06	3.66
54	6.86	9.62	7.24	6.64	6.64	5.73	7.15	5.43	4.77	6.84	5.53	5.59	6.19	4.64	5.68	5.22	4.97	3.32	3.20	3.62	3.47
55	8.19	10.02	7.12	7.24	6.63	6.50	6.15	5.70	5.94	5.63	6.25	5.30	4.40	5.60	4.35	5.12	4.77	3.50	3.84	3.21	3.36
56	8.16	9.31	8.19	6.15	5.69	6.83	6.43	5.44	4.27	4.99	4.88	4.94	4.80	3.90	3.57	5.30	4.00	3.82	2.79	3.05	3.01
57	7.16	7.00	7.00	6.37	6.05	5.25	5.14	5.62	5.82	5.03	5.26	5.18	5.60	5.51	5.14	4.37	3.39	3.90	2.53	2.49	3.62
58	6.46	7.17	6.15	5.46	5.36	5.06	5.18	4.68	4.05	4.89	4.16	4.51	4.29	4.02	4.29	4.35	4.13	2.97	3.75	2.77	2.99
59	6.53	5.77	5.51	5.76	4.52	5.89	5.04	5.13	5.03	4.53	4.60	5.19	3.46	3.63	4.14	3.63	3.45	3.97	2.60	2.46	2.44
60	7.48	7.43	6.32	5.84	5.15	6.25	5.25	5.64	4.78	5.30	5.75	5.10	4.23	4.71	3.84	4.08	4.07	3.14	3.10	2.67	2.91
61	5.41	5.80	5.36	4.56	5.43	5.18	4.66	3.98	4.57	4.32	4.86	4.72	4.23	4.65	3.95	3.62	3.26	3.17	3.04	3.22	2.43
62	7.48	6.38	7.08	6.41	5.74	4.67	5.12	4.87	4.54	5.10	4.21	4.88	4.72	4.52	3.98	4.06	3.20	3.42	2.48	2.58	2.28
63	6.53	6.56	5.64	4.61	4.68	3.79	3.91	4.36	5.12	3.67	4.60	4.62	3.47	3.50	3.22	3.45	3.94	3.05	2.33	2.47	2.41
64	4.77	5.02	4.75	4.37	3.78	5.18	3.62	3.47	3.33	4.37	3.70	3.47	4.14	3.01	2.99	3.65	2.84	2.92	2.32	1.66	1.89
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67	5.78	4.83	4.96	4.85	3.78	3.86	3.10	4.66	4.93	3.56	2.72	3.66	2.98	3.62	2.85	3.22	2.69	2.66	2.06	2.48	2.46
68	5.31	5.92	4.75	4.00	3.31	3.89	3.83	3.97	3.81	4.37	3.54	3.11	3.41	3.44	3.34	3.15	2.68	2.31	2.51	1.97	1.61
69	4.85	3.58	3.70	4.35	3.08	3.56	3.79	2.95	3.62	2.81	3.10	3.37	2.85	2.74	2.67	2.61	3.09	2.36	1.89	2.13	1.88
70	6.01	4.32	5.15	4.29	4.77	4.14	4.08	4.21	4.23	4.31	3.70	3.57	3.35	4.34	3.22	3.09	2.45	2.66	2.08	2.13	1.75
71	5.53	5.53	5.13	3.08	3.59	3.20	3.55	4.52	3.68	2.68	2.74	3.82	3.08	3.37	2.64	2.54	1.58	3.02	2.18	1.36	2.19
72	5.58	4.80	5.95	4.97	4.69	3.98	4.34	3.93	3.73	3.80	3.95	3.46	3.77	3.25	3.03	2.93	3.18	2.18	2.72	1.88	2.52
73	4.65	4.75	3.49	3.80	4.75	3.66	4.39	4.47	3.23	3.78	2.16	3.00	2.55	4.10	2.80	2.33	1.81	2.32	1.97	2.73	1.66
74	4.16	3.33	3.96	3.48	4.53	3.71	4.13	4.41	3.85	4.32	4.39	2.81	3.53	2.65	3.12	2.67	2.91	2.83	2.03	2.02	2.49
75	4.96	4.95	3.90	5.26	3.90	3.63	4.40	5.50	3.71	3.86	3.80	4.22	3.10	3.68	3.08	3.84	2.89	2.27	2.04	2.09	1.93
76	4.85	5.35	6.08	4.40	2.91	3.39	3.80	4.52	2.83	3.72	2.85	3.33	3.35	3.36	2.46	2.75	2.32	2.02	2.47	2.29	1.82
77	5.69	4.54	4.44	3.06	3.32	3.83	2.37	3.38	4.56	3.75	4.41	3.57	3.19	2.47	2.61	2.29	2.83	2.65	2.52	2.72	1.85

78	4.52	4.58	3.70	4.09	3.84	4.59	3.93	4.53	4.12	3.36	4.32	2.84	2.83	2.96	3.28	2.55	1.89	2.35	2.20	1.41	1.91
79	5.18	6.07	4.67	4.81	4.66	4.05	4.80	4.32	5.24	4.26	3.36	3.66	3.67	2.57	2.76	2.62	2.50	2.16	1.71	2.49	2.13
80	5.65	4.83	4.38	3.96	4.16	5.08	4.89	5.09	5.89	4.42	4.88	4.35	4.01	2.75	4.43	3.29	2.56	2.00	2.26	1.77	3.00
81	5.88	7.65	4.45	4.44	4.98	5.10	2.93	4.51	3.94	3.64	4.55	3.87	3.59	3.43	3.61	3.19	2.76	2.50	2.45	1.84	2.43
82	6.47	4.41	5.89	6.31	4.21	2.94	3.43	5.64	4.98	3.11	3.81	3.84	4.08	4.16	3.33	3.60	1.91	3.20	2.29	2.13	2.30
83	4.76	3.52	4.84	4.89	4.81	3.95	4.69	3.86	4.02	4.33	3.93	2.93	3.20	4.96	4.30	2.14	3.44	2.70	2.31	1.75	1.04
84	5.71	6.64	4.29	4.00	5.12	4.59	3.27	3.73	3.32	4.28	4.79	4.42	3.41	4.63	2.41	3.60	2.05	1.49	2.14	2.96	1.29
85	5.78	4.80	6.22	3.94	3.29	3.42	6.15	4.89	5.14	5.29	3.36	2.31	4.32	3.09	3.57	3.73	3.92	3.26	2.33	1.76	.38
86	5.44	5.44	8.66	6.46	6.58	3.18	5.87	6.24	4.43	2.51	4.66	4.59	3.21	4.41	4.62	3.02	4.44	4.30	3.53	2.57	
87	4.36	5.57	3.63	4.10	3.85	4.36	5.35	8.15	4.25	3.78	6.92	2.43	3.53	5.80	2.35	2.74	2.42	2.58	2.61	1.62	
88	2.41	5.80	5.04	4.43	2.72	4.53	7.64	5.12	6.99	6.05	2.82	3.53	3.35	3.49	2.72	2.43	1.66	3.78	1.09	2.13	
89	3.42	3.46	7.72	3.36	3.47	2.16	4.93	2.88	4.03	4.22	4.22	3.17	5.36	2.25	2.45	.95	4.30	2.82	1.60	1.86	
90	6.08	7.44	2.84	7.40	3.79	5.97	4.34	4.40	6.03	3.62	3.95	4.80	6.30	1.17	2.60	3.24	3.53	2.27	2.25	2.20	

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Age

	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	.2	10.6	22.4	19.4	11.1	4.0
1977	.2	10.0	22.1	18.7	11.4	4.0
1978	.3	10.1	23.1	19.0	11.4	3.7
1979	.2	11.7	26.2	20.3	11.6	4.1
1980	.2	12.9	29.5	22.2	13.3	3.8
1981	.2	11.2	25.7	20.3	12.8	3.8
1982	.2	10.4	24.2	19.0	11.3	3.5
1983	.2	9.4	22.1	17.5	10.2	3.0
1984	.2	8.5	21.5	16.9	9.5	3.0
1985	.2	9.8	21.4	16.0	9.4	3.0
1986	.2	11.7	23.4	17.6	9.9	2.9
1987	.2	12.3	24.1	16.2	9.2	2.9
1988	.2	15.5	26.9	16.5	8.9	2.7
1989	.3	18.1	30.2	16.4	8.4	2.5
1990	.2	23.7	34.4	17.6	9.5	2.5
1991	.3	26.6	40.8	18.6	8.2	2.3
1992	.3	26.3	38.4	16.8	7.7	2.3
1993	.3	30.2	41.3	15.9	7.4	2.4
1994	.3	29.3	39.6	15.2	7.4	2.0
1995	.3	23.6	36.7	14.4	6.7	2.0
1996	.2	19.6	35.7	13.4	6.2	1.8
1997	.2	16.7	33.1	12.6	5.5	1.8
1998	.2	12.9	31.1	12.4	5.4	1.6

1999	.2	10.8	27.7	11.0	5.0	1.5
2000	.1	9.3	27.3	11.6	4.9	1.5

Homicide Offenders by Age

	Under 14	14-17	18-24	25-34	35-49	50+
1976	103	1,775	6,244	6,192	3,855	2,184
1977	101	1,660	6,265	6,186	3,978	2,199
1978	120	1,645	6,630	6,425	4,058	2,105
1979	98	1,894	7,578	7,086	4,205	2,324
1980	112	2,083	8,705	8,200	4,901	2,199
1981	77	1,793	7,674	7,883	4,765	2,283
1982	98	1,616	7,179	7,500	4,408	2,079
1983	77	1,437	6,512	7,022	4,150	1,809
1984	72	1,266	6,268	6,933	3,982	1,815
1985	93	1,437	6,162	6,706	4,104	1,871
1986	94	1,718	6,634	7,476	4,448	1,810
1987	111	1,793	6,696	6,989	4,318	1,796
1988	101	2,240	7,325	7,158	4,300	1,708
1989	129	2,594	8,055	7,114	4,222	1,592
1990	103	3,143	9,187	7,552	4,906	1,573
1991	131	3,576	10,734	7,984	4,356	1,487
1992	140	3,596	9,964	7,125	4,235	1,488
1993	158	4,172	10,798	6,816	4,126	1,566
1994	180	4,115	10,227	6,413	4,238	1,316
1995	139	3,432	9,318	5,978	3,945	1,376
1996	97	2,914	8,929	5,483	3,749	1,242
1997	92	2,548	8,174	5,120	3,429	1,238
1998	99	2,012	7,711	4,920	3,407	1,171
1999	92	1,686	7,011	4,282	3,195	1,135
2000	69	1,492	7,214	4,511	3,231	1,147

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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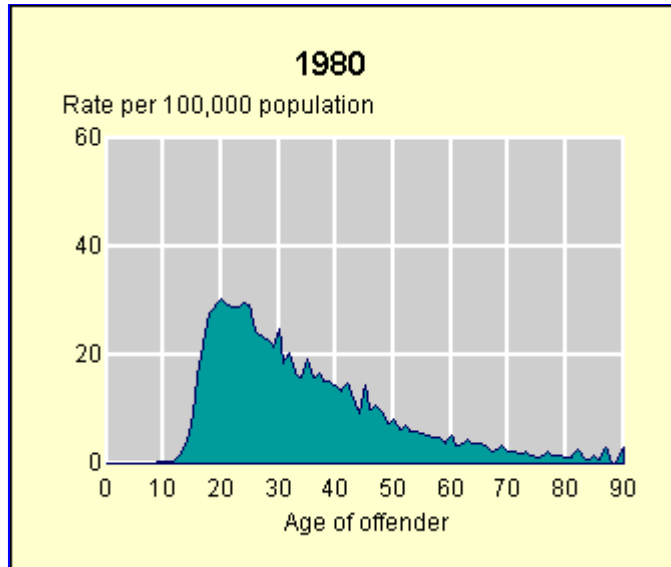
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In general -

- older teens have the highest offending rates of all age groups
- after the teenage years, the rates decline with age

In the mid 1980's the rates for teens and young adults increased rapidly until after 1993 when the rates began to decline. Throughout the entire period, the rates for older teens and young adults have been the highest of all ages.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Age and Year

Age	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
1	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
2	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
3	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
4	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
5	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
6	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
7	.00	.00	.08	.12	.00	.04	.09	.19	.00	.00	.00	.11	.00	.04	.00	.00	.08	.09	.03	.03	.03
8	.00	.00	.00	.04	.10	.08	.03	.17	.00	.15	.16	.00	.07	.05	.03	.00	.04	.03	.04	.03	.06
9	.14	.07	.08	.07	.00	.00	.17	.08	.00	.10	.00	.03	.00	.00	.12	.13	.00	.00	.06	.06	.04
10	.31	.15	.29	.03	.00	.17	.12	.30	.05	.29	.03	.00	.20	.11	.13	.13	.11	.06	.14	.10	.11
11	.34	.15	.14	.42	.32	.12	.39	.45	.26	.28	.33	.38	.32	.23	.34	.07	.06	.23	.23	.24	.10
12	.67	.47	.67	.52	.68	.65	.50	.51	.68	.66	.80	.40	.95	1.04	.75	.91	.44	.58	.21	.38	.19
13	1.50	1.27	1.45	.91	.83	1.54	1.53	1.65	1.88	2.06	1.66	2.80	2.33	2.79	3.45	2.42	1.81	1.45	1.74	1.35	1.02
14	3.95	3.26	2.94	3.29	2.83	3.28	4.09	4.80	5.15	6.54	6.01	8.05	7.65	10.09	8.82	7.11	5.66	3.41	3.05	2.95	2.25
15	8.85	8.42	7.07	7.22	6.03	7.06	8.56	8.00	11.31	12.99	17.48	20.02	17.78	21.80	20.11	15.68	12.59	9.78	8.09	6.76	5.89
16	15.78	12.68	13.24	12.30	10.12	11.87	13.40	14.57	19.09	22.39	29.18	32.71	34.15	36.58	34.97	30.63	23.16	20.51	14.16	12.79	10.35
17	21.85	20.31	18.68	15.85	15.45	16.69	19.89	20.68	26.02	33.24	40.84	45.68	45.66	51.70	50.77	40.06	35.57	31.81	26.15	20.18	18.97
18	27.68	24.97	22.29	21.34	17.60	18.68	23.32	25.30	29.76	34.43	45.70	58.34	54.36	57.68	55.99	47.41	45.24	39.58	34.21	31.06	28.73
19	28.87	25.75	23.73	21.83	21.21	22.67	23.78	23.57	27.60	33.45	41.10	48.09	47.22	52.89	49.05	46.01	44.13	38.19	34.83	30.38	30.10
20	30.05	25.80	25.73	24.00	22.79	23.47	28.13	28.32	35.22	35.51	38.83	49.76	50.05	54.02	48.81	46.08	43.29	39.16	38.02	32.60	35.38

21	28.98	27.28	23.86	20.97	19.56	21.60	24.64	23.39	24.77	25.78	30.32	36.32	34.83	38.94	37.71	35.90	32.75	30.74	29.60	25.73	29.61
22	28.65	23.95	24.89	22.49	22.25	20.68	23.18	24.96	26.07	30.10	29.57	35.46	32.58	35.10	36.22	33.41	32.39	28.95	28.69	25.68	25.68
23	28.80	26.20	22.74	21.53	22.96	21.10	23.05	22.65	23.25	27.02	27.99	32.40	27.77	32.51	30.76	27.66	30.04	27.37	22.80	23.24	24.47
24	29.37	23.64	23.28	20.12	22.10	20.81	18.90	21.46	21.51	21.44	25.82	25.71	23.89	25.58	26.20	24.30	23.04	23.42	21.79	17.91	19.42
25	29.01	26.39	24.42	22.14	22.04	22.36	24.34	22.54	23.98	26.16	27.69	32.98	28.66	26.90	25.80	23.60	21.88	20.94	20.87	18.59	21.67
26	24.41	23.43	21.29	19.28	17.91	18.94	20.99	17.60	18.08	18.51	20.37	21.36	22.40	22.38	19.54	17.72	16.91	16.62	18.11	13.35	17.36
27	23.69	20.35	21.22	19.48	19.03	17.19	19.34	17.35	20.05	17.01	18.47	18.19	19.79	20.34	18.85	17.13	15.80	16.71	15.36	13.18	13.65
28	22.83	22.62	21.11	18.57	18.55	17.42	19.09	18.01	18.95	19.41	19.21	21.81	18.64	20.42	16.62	17.83	16.40	13.32	14.59	13.51	12.21
29	21.40	20.29	18.42	16.94	15.99	14.90	17.36	14.81	15.42	16.66	18.50	15.63	16.44	14.43	15.27	13.05	11.55	12.41	11.80	11.07	11.48
30	24.74	21.29	18.98	18.35	18.80	16.53	20.26	18.49	18.08	17.64	20.68	20.16	17.47	15.98	15.51	16.12	14.40	13.77	12.65	12.58	11.87
31	18.36	19.10	17.17	14.98	13.93	14.42	14.60	13.78	13.27	14.05	13.17	16.87	12.47	12.73	12.75	12.02	12.48	10.71	9.18	8.67	8.91
32	20.19	19.30	17.18	14.93	15.02	12.89	14.27	14.12	14.20	12.61	13.98	15.26	13.16	13.05	12.43	11.69	11.38	9.66	10.37	8.52	8.24
33	16.43	16.26	15.24	15.48	14.21	12.99	12.97	13.27	12.19	12.07	11.54	12.91	12.19	11.70	12.10	10.47	9.55	9.43	8.46	7.18	8.26
34	15.64	12.75	13.60	13.10	12.50	12.03	11.92	12.61	11.43	10.62	12.16	13.58	10.05	9.14	9.78	9.77	8.10	7.93	7.93	7.84	6.92
35	19.09	18.51	13.44	12.95	13.13	13.56	14.48	12.42	13.27	12.78	13.72	13.02	11.54	10.82	11.92	9.21	9.18	7.44	7.47	6.99	6.69
36	15.70	15.73	14.44	10.62	11.57	9.99	11.97	11.97	9.66	9.10	11.19	10.21	9.16	9.32	8.63	9.33	8.14	7.45	7.47	6.44	6.74
37	16.33	15.03	13.93	12.32	9.19	10.69	12.00	10.25	10.46	9.72	9.66	10.38	9.92	8.91	8.64	7.92	7.19	6.38	7.08	6.32	5.72
38	15.17	13.44	13.18	12.50	12.89	9.98	12.13	11.60	11.10	9.88	9.99	9.40	8.86	8.74	8.63	8.31	6.92	6.55	6.53	6.65	5.91
39	14.91	13.05	11.39	11.10	10.43	11.06	9.64	9.88	9.53	10.66	21.96	8.36	8.04	7.43	7.60	6.72	7.51	6.49	5.48	5.24	5.90
40	14.39	14.06	12.54	10.17	10.73	10.76	11.23	9.01	9.56	9.64	8.58	9.46	8.28	7.86	8.84	6.98	6.51	6.84	5.60	5.81	6.08
41	13.18	13.61	11.62	9.49	8.04	9.53	9.76	9.52	8.60	8.17	7.79	7.86	8.33	7.23	6.37	6.54	6.17	4.76	5.00	5.19	5.73
42	14.56	12.84	13.40	10.14	8.26	8.56	8.01	8.82	8.79	7.75	7.81	7.75	7.32	7.41	7.89	6.61	5.90	5.07	5.19	5.03	5.10
43	11.67	10.79	10.15	9.95	9.97	8.94	8.75	8.07	9.21	7.81	6.34	7.18	6.31	5.67	5.45	5.95	6.03	4.28	5.45	4.55	3.99
44	9.23	11.14	8.84	10.08	8.93	10.32	9.02	7.66	6.51	7.27	7.58	4.94	5.18	6.01	5.33	5.55	3.93	4.65	5.02	3.98	3.59
45	14.25	12.08	10.10	9.31	7.21	7.83	7.15	8.76	6.56	6.34	7.84	7.67	5.97	5.90	6.18	5.75	5.07	5.35	4.53	3.74	4.42
46	9.72	9.47	9.14	8.32	7.25	6.15	7.62	7.39	6.23	5.07	6.74	6.27	6.36	4.22	6.00	4.33	4.47	4.94	4.65	3.03	3.21
47	10.46	9.94	8.10	8.37	6.99	7.70	6.86	6.81	7.16	5.57	5.25	5.52	6.51	6.24	4.37	4.59	4.49	4.09	3.28	3.73	3.53
48	9.28	10.32	7.58	8.56	7.57	5.92	8.42	7.18	6.57	7.10	6.19	4.67	6.37	5.48	5.73	4.17	4.62	4.22	3.78	3.68	3.42
49	7.22	7.44	7.26	6.77	6.49	6.84	6.40	5.44	6.48	5.86	6.08	5.96	3.77	5.05	4.47	4.21	3.10	2.30	2.78	3.25	3.86

50	7.82	7.87	6.77	5.91	6.26	8.19	6.97	6.13	5.26	5.69	5.41	4.97	4.80	4.28	4.19	2.91	4.10	3.21	3.14	3.10	3.61
51	6.16	6.63	6.29	5.53	5.51	6.39	5.39	4.75	4.83	4.18	6.42	4.60	4.61	5.14	3.30	3.91	3.69	3.43	2.51	2.41	3.00
52	6.76	6.19	6.68	5.05	4.93	5.92	5.95	4.85	4.56	4.29	3.68	4.76	4.64	4.67	4.65	4.27	2.51	3.39	3.75	2.12	2.46
53	5.81	5.72	5.99	5.76	5.11	5.68	5.37	4.85	4.19	4.17	4.72	4.37	3.87	3.98	2.98	2.83	2.92	2.93	2.67	2.45	2.59
54	5.72	5.87	4.68	4.83	4.39	3.18	5.05	5.10	4.75	3.09	4.15	3.54	3.01	3.33	3.06	3.64	3.04	2.77	1.91	2.39	2.40
55	5.49	5.92	6.05	5.75	4.54	4.70	4.65	4.63	5.38	3.63	2.77	4.11	3.95	3.73	3.10	3.39	3.16	2.00	2.84	2.23	1.70
56	4.95	6.35	4.81	4.09	4.20	3.66	3.83	4.85	3.07	3.82	3.35	3.82	4.52	3.26	2.52	3.18	3.11	2.69	2.36	1.96	2.01
57	4.53	5.04	3.80	3.78	3.20	3.49	3.42	2.98	3.92	3.04	3.02	2.12	3.05	3.82	2.55	2.90	1.79	2.58	2.18	2.45	2.29
58	4.61	5.66	5.04	3.97	4.66	4.42	3.45	3.53	3.81	3.27	2.90	3.16	2.60	2.88	2.81	2.92	1.84	2.49	1.84	1.88	1.54
59	3.47	5.20	5.23	3.50	3.72	4.33	3.48	3.60	3.12	2.72	2.33	2.62	2.16	3.00	1.74	2.13	2.31	2.37	2.06	2.06	1.39
60	4.92	4.41	3.26	3.12	3.61	3.75	3.48	2.40	3.42	3.84	3.31	3.19	2.16	2.62	2.40	2.32	1.97	1.83	.94	1.70	2.31
61	3.24	3.02	3.66	2.74	2.79	2.66	2.43	3.27	2.46	3.27	2.21	1.86	2.34	2.62	1.88	1.94	2.37	1.79	2.40	1.32	1.30
62	3.66	2.76	3.89	3.02	3.04	3.30	3.60	2.68	1.74	2.56	2.37	1.83	2.44	2.82	2.17	2.26	1.56	1.72	.97	1.59	1.20
63	4.40	2.62	2.31	2.99	2.14	2.18	2.30	2.34	1.84	2.78	2.90	1.54	1.79	1.82	1.88	2.01	1.94	1.19	1.64	1.49	.92
64	3.40	2.93	2.55	2.81	2.19	2.39	1.74	2.15	2.44	2.47	2.12	2.24	2.19	2.75	2.07	1.95	1.44	1.54	1.39	.97	1.23
65	3.59	2.93	3.63	2.27	2.07	2.93	2.12	2.06	2.68	2.37	1.70	1.82	1.69	1.94	1.55	2.04	1.24	1.04	1.11	.54	.79
66	3.17	2.77	1.61	2.11	2.54	1.71	2.09	2.93	1.73	1.73	1.48	1.15	2.01	1.60	1.50	1.00	1.61	1.21	1.13	1.48	1.28
67	2.08	3.50	2.25	1.92	2.00	1.89	1.58	2.79	2.49	1.53	2.00	2.12	2.12	2.05	1.17	1.69	1.44	1.39	1.06	1.27	.85
68	2.43	2.42	2.76	1.73	2.26	2.00	1.62	1.14	1.92	2.16	1.14	2.00	1.48	1.41	1.98	1.27	.78	1.36	1.79	1.77	.63
69	3.21	2.49	1.66	1.30	2.28	1.94	2.43	2.57	2.40	1.68	1.98	1.30	1.20	.81	1.06	1.22	.74	.93	.65	.81	1.26
70	1.92	2.06	2.20	2.03	2.96	1.71	1.50	1.47	1.80	1.34	2.55	1.28	1.56	.64	1.16	.65	.85	1.42	1.01	.73	1.23
71	2.06	2.14	.96	1.87	2.39	1.74	1.93	2.47	1.99	2.18	.96	1.32	1.14	1.39	.80	1.21	.80	1.25	.58	.96	.88
72	1.74	2.09	2.12	1.78	1.71	1.96	1.11	2.35	1.50	1.01	1.18	1.04	1.56	1.59	1.65	1.42	1.04	.97	.97	.82	.57
73	1.99	1.77	2.22	2.01	1.55	1.25	2.19	1.48	1.56	1.79	.99	1.60	1.10	1.14	.83	1.07	1.01	.95	.42	.69	.57
74	1.23	1.53	2.41	1.21	1.50	2.06	1.65	1.16	1.10	1.33	.93	1.56	.59	1.30	1.00	1.50	.54	.46	.76	.44	.80
75	1.07	2.96	2.51	1.72	2.16	1.57	1.36	.90	1.01	1.38	1.10	1.08	.53	1.11	.80	.65	.85	1.10	.72	1.29	.55
76	1.48	1.64	1.50	.89	1.41	.78	1.51	1.85	1.71	.77	1.63	.90	.95	1.02	.58	1.04	1.18	.85	1.04	1.15	1.06
77	2.04	2.03	1.54	.62	.77	1.43	1.51	1.84	2.55	1.11	1.18	.74	1.21	.65	.54	1.46	.74	.71	1.38	1.02	.75
78	1.26	1.94	.19	.93	1.44	.53	1.99	1.55	1.31	1.45	1.31	1.07	.69	.79	.97	.83	1.23	.09	1.46	.60	.96

79	1.25	.84	.19	1.56	.99	1.36	1.50	1.82	1.24	.84	1.67	.76	1.62	1.07	.20	.95	.96	.96	.46	1.10	.77
80	1.10	1.51	1.21	.40	.91	1.69	2.04	1.85	1.28	1.47	.73	.98	.93	.95	.54	1.07	.92	.38	.67	.00	.63
81	.95	2.01	1.66	.29	1.13	.93	1.47	1.41	.96	1.32	.34	1.05	1.72	.45	.20	.56	1.14	.56	1.28	.56	1.37
82	2.31	1.15	1.10	1.18	1.27	1.33	1.65	1.56	.67	.81	2.00	1.25	1.37	1.55	.71	.33	.32	1.27	.65	.95	.45
83	1.33	.96	.26	1.73	.39	.92	1.33	1.87	1.78	1.20	1.14	.51	.81	2.20	1.11	.34	.14	1.10	.31	.14	.41
84	.59	.57	.34	.24	2.09	1.75	.00	.91	1.44	.00	1.19	.44	1.59	.92	.77	.45	1.45	.50	.50	.53	.67
85	1.15	.61	1.31	.64	.33	2.01	1.93	1.27	1.45	2.73	.78	2.15	1.16	.70	1.19	.49	.74	.86	.22	.73	.07
86	.64	1.81	2.05	1.10	.40	.40	.30	.35	.29	.97	.78	1.39	.52	.56	1.37	.82	.27	.27	.00	.73	.
87	2.76	.87	1.71	.92	.49	.40	.00	2.32	1.56	.34	2.13	1.10	1.38	1.49	.58	.58	2.00	1.12	.81	.91	.
88	.00	3.81	1.09	.63	1.01	1.98	.89	2.18	1.59	.54	1.15	.80	1.57	.42	.75	.00	.69	.00	1.16	.56	.
89	.49	.00	1.37	1.73	.67	.50	.83	.45	1.49	.00	.49	1.97	.00	1.02	.79	.48	.00	.42	.37	.75	.
90	2.85	.00	1.16	.00	.74	.64	1.21	.00	1.36	1.30	1.29	.88	.00	.76	.94	1.14	1.44	.00	.44	.00	.

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Mean Age of Victims and Offenders

	Victims	Offenders
1976	35.2 yrs.	30.8 yrs.
1977	34.7	30.9
1978	34.3	30.6
1979	34.4	30.3
1980	34.1	29.9
1981	34.4	30.6
1982	34.4	30.5
1983	34.3	30.5
1984	34.3	30.7
1985	34.1	30.7
1986	33.5	30.3
1987	33.6	30.3
1988	33.0	29.5
1989	32.5	28.8
1990	32.0	28.4
1991	31.6	27.4
1992	31.7	27.5
1993	31.4	27.1
1994	31.3	27.0
1995	31.6	27.5
1996	31.6	27.5
1997	31.9	27.7
1998	31.7	28.1
1999	32.0	28.4
2000	32.2	28.5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Victims who knew the offender by victim age

Age	Known		Stranger/Unsolved	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	5,411	85.6%	908	14.4%
1	3,108	87.0%	465	13.0%
2	2,525	85.7%	420	14.3%
3	1,501	82.1%	327	17.9%
4	1,022	79.5%	264	20.5%
5	760	77.9%	216	22.1%
6	568	72.4%	217	27.6%
7	531	71.7%	209	28.3%
8	486	70.3%	206	29.7%
9	446	66.4%	226	33.6%
10	442	66.0%	228	34.0%
11	437	63.1%	256	36.9%
12	627	63.0%	368	37.0%
13	858	58.6%	605	41.4%
14	1,505	56.2%	1,174	43.8%
15	2,371	51.6%	2,221	48.4%
16	3,632	48.6%	3,849	51.4%
17	5,254	48.0%	5,693	52.0%
18	6,566	47.3%	7,325	52.7%
19	7,887	47.0%	8,881	53.0%
20	8,000	45.3%	9,641	54.7%
21	8,413	47.9%	9,148	52.1%
22	8,564	48.0%	9,296	52.0%
23	8,730	49.6%	8,888	50.4%

24	8,510	49.5%	8,682	50.5%
25	8,806	46.9%	9,959	53.1%
26	8,432	50.7%	8,201	49.3%
27	8,050	50.4%	7,908	49.6%
28	7,847	51.9%	7,277	48.1%
29	7,768	52.1%	7,145	47.9%
30	7,961	49.8%	8,031	50.2%
31	6,884	53.4%	6,001	46.6%
32	7,089	53.9%	6,055	46.1%
33	6,377	54.0%	5,438	46.0%
34	6,467	54.8%	5,331	45.2%
35	6,337	52.2%	5,799	47.8%
36	5,624	54.7%	4,653	45.3%
37	5,500	57.1%	4,136	42.9%
38	5,287	56.3%	4,112	43.7%
39	4,961	56.4%	3,843	43.6%
40	4,931	53.6%	4,273	46.4%
41	4,222	55.8%	3,349	44.2%
42	4,321	55.6%	3,455	44.4%
43	3,726	55.8%	2,951	44.2%
44	3,511	57.1%	2,632	42.9%
45	3,493	55.2%	2,834	44.8%
46	3,010	54.7%	2,494	45.3%
47	2,969	55.8%	2,347	44.2%
48	2,659	56.8%	2,022	43.2%
49	2,616	56.6%	2,006	43.4%
50	2,693	53.2%	2,371	46.8%
51	2,124	54.2%	1,796	45.8%
52	2,210	54.2%	1,868	45.8%
53	1,971	53.4%	1,719	46.6%
54	1,996	56.1%	1,559	43.9%
55	1,910	54.3%	1,606	45.7%
56	1,686	52.7%	1,515	47.3%

57	1,653	53.7%	1,425	46.3%
58	1,486	55.9%	1,173	44.1%
59	1,364	52.8%	1,219	47.2%
60	1,398	49.4%	1,433	50.6%
61	1,240	52.2%	1,136	47.8%
62	1,312	50.7%	1,277	49.3%
63	1,176	52.4%	1,070	47.6%
64	1,019	52.3%	929	47.7%
65	1,195	52.1%	1,097	47.9%
66	854	51.9%	792	48.1%
67	911	49.9%	914	50.1%
68	842	51.1%	805	48.9%
69	771	50.9%	743	49.1%
70	822	49.3%	846	50.7%
71	680	50.0%	680	50.0%
72	747	48.9%	781	51.1%
73	630	50.9%	608	49.1%
74	620	50.0%	620	50.0%
75	638	51.1%	611	48.9%
76	514	47.6%	565	52.4%
77	473	48.2%	507	51.8%
78	460	48.6%	487	51.4%
79	412	44.8%	507	55.2%
80	420	46.5%	483	53.5%
81	321	41.9%	445	58.1%
82	364	49.3%	374	50.7%
83	267	42.7%	358	57.3%
84	235	42.4%	320	57.6%
85	216	42.1%	298	57.9%
86	227	45.3%	275	54.7%
87	155	40.5%	227	59.5%
88	111	36.8%	191	63.2%
89	93	41.2%	133	58.8%

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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Trends by gender

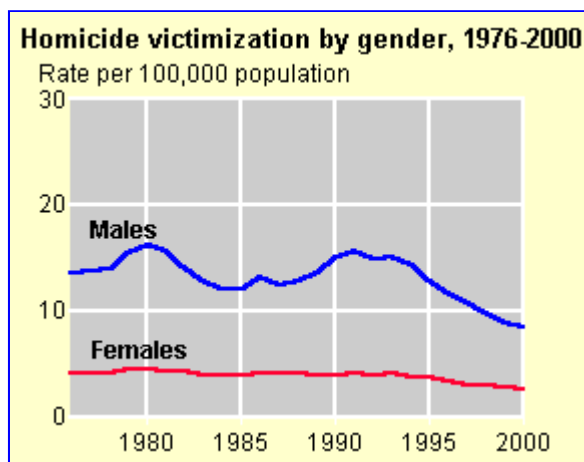
Most victims and perpetrators in homicides are male

Male offender/Male victim	65.2%
Male offender/Female victim	25.0%
Female offender/Male victim	7.2%
Female offender/Female victim	2.6%

Victimization rates for both males and females have declined in recent years

- Males were 3.2 times more likely than females to be murdered in 2000
- In 2000, rates for males and females reached their lowest point in more than two decades

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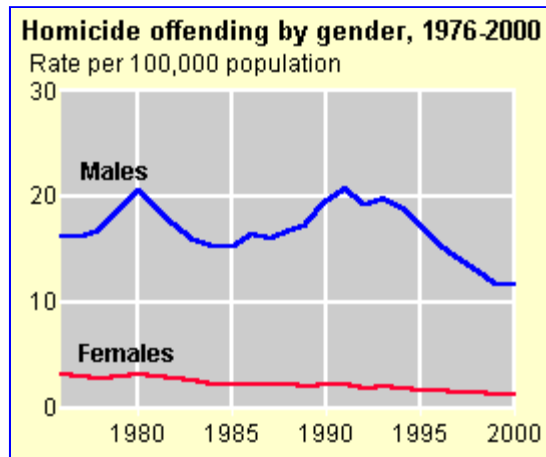
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For more information about gender patterns in violent victimization see [Key Facts at a Glance](#).

Offending rates for both males and females followed the same pattern as victimization rates

- Males were 10 times more likely than females to commit murder in 2000
- Both male and female offenders are more likely to target male victims than female victims
- The offending rates for females have declined since the early 1980's while those for males peaked in the early 1990's and have fallen considerably since then

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The gender distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2000 combined -

- Among all homicide victims, women are particularly at risk for intimate killings, sex-related homicides, and murder by arson or poison.
- Among homicide offenders generally, women are more likely to commit murder as a result of an argument or murder by poison.

Homicide Type by Gender, 1976-2000

	Victims		Offenders	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
All homicides	76.4%	23.6%	87.9%	12.1%
Victim/offender relationship				
Intimate	37.9%	62.1%	63.7%	36.3%
Family	52.5%	47.5%	70.2%	29.8%
Infanticide	54.5%	45.5%	61.2%	38.8%
Eldercide	58.3%	41.7%	85.4%	14.6%
Circumstances				
Felony murder	77.9%	22.1%	93.4%	6.6%
Sex related	19.1%	80.9%	93.4%	6.6%
Drug related	90.1%	9.9%	95.8%	4.2%
Gang related	94.4%	5.6%	98.4%	1.6%
Argument	78.3%	21.7%	85.2%	14.8%
Workplace	78.3%	21.7%	92.3%	7.7%
Weapon				
Gun homicide	82.4%	17.6%	90.4%	9.6%
Arson	56.5%	43.5%	79.6%	20.4%
Poison	54.5%	45.5%	63.0%	37.0%
Multiple victims or offenders				
Multiple victims	62.5%	37.5%	93.7%	6.3%
Multiple offenders	85.4%	14.6%	91.7%	8.3%

Female victims are more likely to be killed by an intimate or family member than

male victims, while male victims are more likely to be killed by acquaintances or strangers

Victim Offender Relationship by Victim Gender, 1976-2000

Victim/Offender relationship	Percent of homicide victims by gender	
	Male	Female
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Intimate	5.7%	30.0%
Spouse	3.5	18.7
Ex-spouse	0.2	1.4
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	2.0	9.9
Other family	6.8%	11.3%
Parent	1.3	2.7
Child	2.1	5.3
Sibling	1.2	0.9
Other family	2.1	2.5
Acquaintance/Known	36.4%	22.1%
Neighbor	1.2	1.3
Employee/er	0.2	0.1
Friend/Acquaintance	30.6	17.4
Other Known	4.5	3.2
Stranger	15.6%	8.9%
Undetermined	35.6%	27.7%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

Additional information about the data used in *Homicide trends in the U.S.*

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Gender

	Male	Female
1976	13.6	4.2
1977	13.7	4.2
1978	14.0	4.1
1979	15.4	4.4
1980	16.2	4.5
1981	15.6	4.3
1982	14.1	4.3
1983	12.8	3.9
1984	12.1	3.9
1985	12.1	4.0
1986	13.2	4.1
1987	12.5	4.2
1988	12.9	4.2
1989	13.6	4.0
1990	15.1	4.0
1991	15.7	4.2
1992	14.9	4.0
1993	15.0	4.2
1994	14.4	3.8
1995	12.9	3.7
1996	11.7	3.3
1997	10.7	3.0
1998	9.7	3.0

1999	8.8	2.7
2000	8.5	2.6

**Homicide Victims by
Gender**

	Male	Female
1976	14,171	4,590
1977	14,397	4,710
1978	14,895	4,642
1979	16,428	5,017
1980	17,788	5,232
1981	17,405	5,096
1982	15,902	5,093
1983	14,588	4,703
1984	13,910	4,741
1985	14,079	4,881
1986	15,471	5,109
1987	14,811	5,268
1988	15,414	5,238
1989	16,407	5,085
1990	18,304	5,115
1991	19,270	5,394
1992	18,513	5,217
1993	18,937	5,550
1994	18,294	5,007
1995	16,551	5,023
1996	15,152	4,470
1997	14,057	4,124
1998	12,753	4,139
1999	11,704	3,800
2000	11,766	3,717

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Gender

	Male	Female
1976	16.3	3.1
1977	16.2	3.0
1978	16.8	2.8
1979	18.6	2.9
1980	20.6	3.1
1981	18.9	2.9
1982	17.4	2.8
1983	15.8	2.6
1984	15.2	2.3
1985	15.2	2.2
1986	16.5	2.3
1987	16.0	2.2
1988	16.8	2.2
1989	17.4	2.1
1990	19.6	2.2
1991	20.7	2.2
1992	19.3	1.9
1993	19.9	2.0
1994	18.8	1.9
1995	17.2	1.6
1996	15.5	1.7
1997	14.2	1.5
1998	13.0	1.5

1999	11.7	1.3
2000	11.6	1.2

Homicide Offenders by Gender		
	Male	Female
1976	16,978	3,374
1977	17,079	3,309
1978	17,801	3,181
1979	19,884	3,301
1980	22,596	3,605
1981	21,064	3,411
1982	19,588	3,293
1983	17,928	3,079
1984	17,509	2,828
1985	17,637	2,735
1986	19,324	2,853
1987	18,955	2,748
1988	20,077	2,755
1989	20,994	2,712
1990	23,709	2,756
1991	25,452	2,816
1992	24,005	2,543
1993	25,009	2,628
1994	23,920	2,570
1995	22,049	2,140
1996	20,141	2,271
1997	18,520	2,082
1998	17,228	2,092
1999	15,589	1,813
2000	15,903	1,759

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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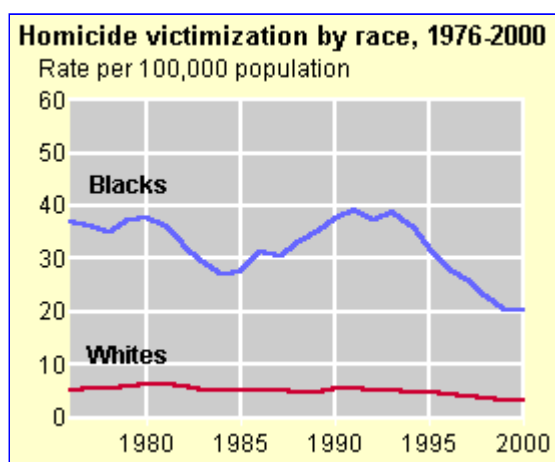
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Trends by race

Racial differences exist, with blacks disproportionately represented among homicide victims and offenders

Blacks were 6 times more likely than whites to be murdered in 2000

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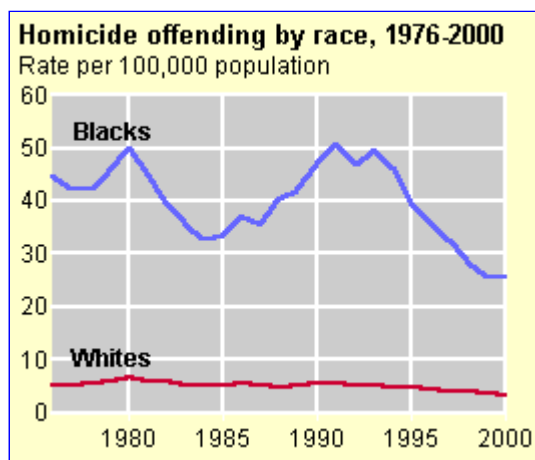


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Blacks were over 7 times more likely than whites to commit homicide in 2000

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The race distribution of homicide victims and offenders differs by type of homicide

For the years 1976-2000 combined -

- Black victims are greatly over represented in homicides involving arguments or drugs. Compared with the overall involvement of blacks as victims, blacks are less often the victims of sex-related homicides, homicide by poison and workplace killings.
- Race patterns among offenders are similar to those among victims, except that black offenders are involved in a relatively large percentage of felony-murders (nearly six out of ten).

Homicide Type by Race, 1976-2000

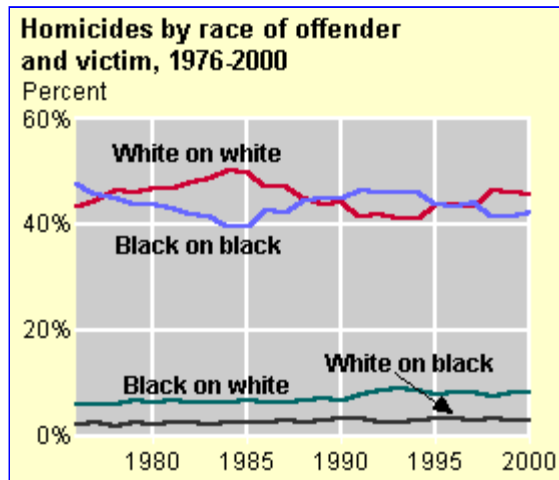
	Victims			Offenders		
	White	Black	Other	White	Black	Other
All homicides	51.1%	46.7%	2.2%	46.4%	51.5%	2.0%
Victim/offender relationship						
Intimate	55.7%	42.1%	2.2%	53.5%	44.4%	2.1%
Family	59.8%	37.8%	2.4%	58.3%	39.4%	2.3%
Infanticide	55.5%	41.9%	2.6%	55.2%	42.1%	2.6%
Eldercide	68.5%	29.9%	1.6%	54.5%	44.0%	1.6%
Circumstances						
Felony murder	55.2%	42.2%	2.6%	39.2%	59.2%	1.5%
Sex related	67.0%	30.4%	2.7%	56.8%	41.3%	1.9%
Drug related	36.8%	62.3%	.9%	32.7%	66.3%	1.0%
Gang related	58.2%	38.4%	3.5%	56.7%	39.1%	4.2%
Argument	47.9%	49.9%	2.1%	45.7%	52.1%	2.2%
Workplace	85.0%	11.9%	3.1%	70.2%	26.9%	3.0%
Weapon						
Gun homicide	47.8%	50.3%	1.9%	43.7%	54.6%	1.7%
Arson	59.4%	37.7%	2.9%	54.5%	43.1%	2.4%
Poison	78.5%	18.3%	3.2%	74.3%	23.0%	2.7%
Multiple victims or offenders						
Multiple victims	64.5%	32.0%	3.5%	57.9%	38.6%	3.5%
Multiple offenders	55.5%	41.7%	2.8%	46.1%	51.6%	2.4%

**Although slightly less true now than before,
most murders are intraracial**

From 1976 to 2000 --

- 86% of white victims were killed by whites
- 94% of black victims were killed by blacks

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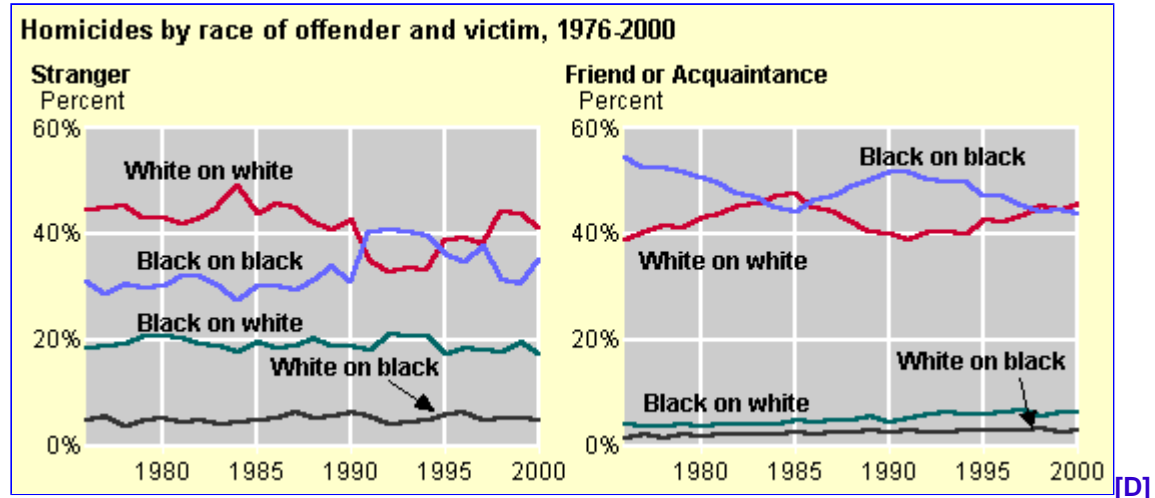
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Stranger homicides are more likely to cross racial lines than those that involve friends or acquaintances

For homicides committed by --

- a friend or acquaintance of the victim, 1 in 10 is interracial
- a stranger to the victim, 3 in 10 are interracial

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Race

	White	Black	Other
1976	5.1	37.1	7.9
1977	5.4	36.2	7.6
1978	5.6	35.1	7.1
1979	6.1	37.5	8.9
1980	6.3	37.7	5.7
1981	6.2	36.4	6.1
1982	5.9	32.3	6.5
1983	5.3	29.4	6.4
1984	5.2	27.2	5.4
1985	5.2	27.5	5.4
1986	5.3	31.3	6.2
1987	5.1	30.6	5.2
1988	4.9	33.3	4.0
1989	4.9	34.9	4.2
1990	5.4	37.7	4.2
1991	5.5	39.3	6.0
1992	5.3	37.2	5.4
1993	5.3	38.7	5.5
1994	5.0	36.4	4.6
1995	4.8	31.6	4.9
1996	4.3	28.3	4.1
1997	3.9	26.1	4.1
1998	3.8	23.0	2.9

1999	3.5	20.5	3.3
2000	3.3	20.5	2.7

Homicide Victims by Race

	White	Black	Other
1976	9,585	8,745	387
1977	10,041	8,669	377
1978	10,568	8,572	367
1979	11,625	9,311	470
1980	12,275	9,767	327
1981	12,163	9,862	348
1982	11,643	8,880	399
1983	10,604	8,200	417
1984	10,490	7,678	377
1985	10,589	7,891	399
1986	10,916	9,107	484
1987	10,526	9,000	424
1988	10,184	9,959	344
1989	10,325	10,566	390
1990	11,279	11,488	400
1991	11,661	12,226	608
1992	11,229	11,777	573
1993	11,278	12,435	601
1994	10,773	11,856	526
1995	10,371	10,444	585
1996	9,482	9,477	512
1997	8,619	8,842	524
1998	8,389	7,931	393
1999	7,777	7,139	458
2000	7,526	7,393	398

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Race

	White	Black	Other
1976	5.1	44.7	7.4
1977	5.3	42.3	8.3
1978	5.5	42.3	7.0
1979	6.0	45.2	9.5
1980	6.7	49.9	6.2
1981	6.1	44.8	6.2
1982	5.8	39.8	6.8
1983	5.3	35.6	6.4
1984	5.3	32.8	5.2
1985	5.1	33.3	5.6
1986	5.4	36.8	6.4
1987	5.3	35.6	4.9
1988	5.0	40.3	4.3
1989	5.1	41.9	4.3
1990	5.6	46.9	4.1
1991	5.7	50.4	5.4
1992	5.2	46.8	5.8
1993	5.2	49.3	5.6
1994	5.0	46.1	4.9
1995	4.9	39.1	5.1
1996	4.5	35.8	4.7
1997	4.1	32.4	4.5
1998	4.1	28.4	3.5

1999	3.6	25.5	3.9
2000	3.4	25.8	3.2

Homicide Offenders by Race

	White	Black	Other
1976	9,467	10,523	362
1977	9,842	10,133	414
1978	10,293	10,329	361
1979	11,455	11,227	503
1980	12,935	12,911	354
1981	11,976	12,145	354
1982	11,524	10,943	414
1983	10,651	9,941	415
1984	10,709	9,270	358
1985	10,410	9,548	415
1986	10,981	10,700	497
1987	10,804	10,496	404
1988	10,417	12,040	375
1989	10,608	12,707	391
1990	11,790	14,281	394
1991	12,057	15,665	545
1992	11,135	14,804	609
1993	11,179	15,844	614
1994	10,895	15,036	558
1995	10,643	12,931	615
1996	9,844	11,985	584
1997	9,022	11,005	575
1998	9,089	9,760	471
1999	7,970	8,886	546
2000	7,880	9,316	466

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Percent of All Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	43.5%	6.0%	.3%	2.0%	47.5%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1977	44.6%	5.9%	.4%	2.4%	45.8%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1978	46.3%	6.1%	.3%	1.8%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.3%
1979	46.0%	6.8%	.4%	2.5%	43.7%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1980	46.8%	6.4%	.3%	2.2%	43.6%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1981	46.8%	6.8%	.2%	2.5%	43.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1982	48.1%	6.4%	.3%	2.5%	41.7%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1983	48.7%	6.3%	.3%	2.3%	41.6%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1984	50.3%	6.2%	.3%	2.6%	39.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1985	49.7%	6.7%	.3%	2.7%	39.8%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1986	47.1%	6.5%	.4%	2.6%	42.6%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1987	47.3%	6.3%	.4%	2.9%	42.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1988	44.9%	6.6%	.4%	2.7%	44.5%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.4%
1989	43.9%	7.0%	.3%	3.1%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.5%
1990	44.1%	6.9%	.3%	3.2%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1991	41.5%	7.7%	.3%	3.4%	46.3%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1992	41.7%	8.5%	.3%	2.7%	46.1%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1993	41.1%	8.9%	.3%	2.7%	46.2%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1994	41.1%	8.6%	.4%	3.1%	46.1%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.3%
1995	43.8%	8.0%	.4%	3.3%	43.6%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1996	43.8%	8.4%	.4%	3.3%	43.4%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.3%
1997	43.4%	8.4%	.3%	2.9%	44.0%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%
1998	46.4%	7.5%	.3%	3.2%	41.6%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1999	46.0%	8.1%	.4%	2.8%	41.5%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.9%
2000	45.5%	8.2%	.3%	3.0%	42.1%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%

Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	6,279	862	44	290	6,855	2	29	12	59
1977	6,299	828	52	346	6,469	7	36	10	71
1978	6,776	899	40	269	6,547	5	37	5	48
1979	7,054	1,037	54	390	6,706	4	31	10	64

1980	7,384	1,011	42	343	6,886	7	34	9	67
1981	7,588	1,106	37	402	6,972	8	33	11	71
1982	7,183	960	44	377	6,227	3	44	12	79
1983	6,719	869	41	314	5,739	3	38	8	68
1984	6,664	816	42	341	5,264	3	36	9	63
1985	6,744	913	43	361	5,402	5	27	12	65
1986	6,896	949	54	378	6,235	7	41	6	88
1987	6,574	873	49	408	5,861	8	35	10	70
1988	6,362	939	62	389	6,312	8	40	7	58
1989	6,450	1,029	50	457	6,583	2	42	5	75
1990	6,984	1,089	43	502	7,091	2	42	9	69
1991	6,611	1,220	54	541	7,361	5	51	15	56
1992	6,241	1,272	40	410	6,903	4	35	17	63
1993	6,466	1,393	46	432	7,268	7	32	16	57
1994	6,208	1,306	56	469	6,960	4	42	13	52
1995	6,043	1,110	51	454	6,020	8	37	17	72
1996	5,602	1,077	49	417	5,551	13	32	17	41
1997	5,056	974	34	343	5,119	5	28	17	70
1998	5,210	841	36	363	4,666	8	30	12	56
1999	4,671	820	45	284	4,217	2	23	12	87
2000	4,622	830	34	300	4,279	5	23	12	56

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Percent of All Acquaintance Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	39.0%	4.1%	.2%	1.5%	54.4%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.4%
1977	40.4%	3.7%	.3%	2.3%	52.4%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1978	41.4%	3.7%	.3%	1.5%	52.5%	.1%	.1%	.0%	.4%
1979	41.1%	3.9%	.3%	2.1%	51.9%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.5%
1980	42.9%	3.7%	.2%	1.8%	50.7%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.5%
1981	43.7%	3.9%	.2%	2.2%	49.5%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.3%
1982	45.2%	3.9%	.3%	2.1%	47.5%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1983	45.8%	4.1%	.2%	2.0%	46.9%	.0%	.2%	.1%	.6%
1984	47.3%	4.2%	.4%	2.3%	44.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1985	47.4%	4.9%	.3%	2.7%	44.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.3%
1986	45.1%	4.6%	.5%	2.2%	46.5%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.6%
1987	44.2%	4.7%	.5%	2.6%	47.0%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1988	42.2%	4.8%	.6%	2.4%	49.1%	.1%	.4%	.0%	.5%
1989	40.2%	5.4%	.4%	2.9%	50.2%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.6%
1990	40.1%	4.4%	.3%	2.5%	51.8%	.0%	.4%	.0%	.5%
1991	38.7%	5.3%	.5%	2.9%	51.8%	.0%	.4%	.1%	.4%
1992	40.3%	5.8%	.3%	2.6%	50.2%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.5%
1993	40.2%	6.3%	.3%	2.6%	49.8%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1994	40.1%	5.9%	.4%	2.9%	50.0%	.0%	.3%	.0%	.3%
1995	42.5%	5.8%	.4%	3.0%	47.1%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.7%
1996	42.2%	6.3%	.5%	2.8%	47.2%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.4%
1997	43.5%	6.6%	.4%	2.8%	45.4%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.8%
1998	45.3%	5.7%	.3%	3.3%	44.3%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.6%
1999	44.4%	6.3%	.5%	2.7%	44.6%	.0%	.4%	.1%	1.0%
2000	45.6%	6.5%	.4%	2.8%	43.6%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.7%

Acquaintance Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
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1976	2,926	311	14	111	4,079	2	17	10	27
1977	3,022	277	25	172	3,923	5	22	4	38
1978	2,946	267	20	103	3,737	4	8	1	25
1979	2,990	280	24	151	3,779	2	16	3	35
1980	3,282	287	18	137	3,880	2	14	4	35
1981	3,580	319	12	176	4,059	3	18	1	25
1982	3,438	298	25	159	3,613	3	25	3	46
1983	3,243	293	18	141	3,319	2	18	5	40
1984	3,269	290	25	162	3,101	3	19	4	41
1985	3,447	355	23	194	3,204	4	11	6	25
1986	3,610	368	39	172	3,717	5	30	5	50
1987	3,340	355	38	195	3,546	7	19	6	45
1988	3,321	375	44	190	3,858	5	33	1	36
1989	3,238	436	28	234	4,041	1	27	3	47
1990	3,366	373	25	208	4,351	2	30	3	39
1991	3,137	432	39	235	4,196	2	30	6	31
1992	3,167	455	20	202	3,944	3	23	5	37
1993	3,269	510	28	213	4,048	3	21	4	32
1994	3,145	460	33	230	3,928	3	26	2	25
1995	2,938	402	26	210	3,258	4	18	5	50
1996	2,886	432	36	189	3,227	9	21	8	25
1997	2,635	397	23	171	2,748	5	15	10	51
1998	2,633	328	19	193	2,576	2	19	6	32
1999	2,287	325	26	139	2,299	2	19	7	51
2000	2,156	308	20	134	2,058	1	13	4	32

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Percent of All Stranger Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders									
	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	44.6%	18.5%	.9%	4.7%	30.8%		.3%	.1%	.2%
1977	45.1%	18.9%	.6%	5.6%	28.8%	.0%	.3%	.2%	.3%
1978	45.4%	19.1%	.5%	3.6%	30.6%		.6%	.0%	.2%
1979	43.2%	20.6%	.7%	4.9%	29.7%		.3%	.2%	.4%
1980	43.0%	20.7%	.5%	5.1%	30.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.2%
1981	41.9%	20.5%	.5%	4.6%	31.9%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.1%
1982	42.9%	19.1%	.5%	5.0%	31.9%		.4%	.2%	.1%
1983	45.4%	19.0%	.7%	4.1%	30.0%		.6%	.1%	.1%
1984	48.9%	17.7%	.3%	4.5%	27.6%		.5%	.1%	.3%
1985	43.6%	19.7%	.6%	4.9%	30.1%	.1%	.5%	.3%	.4%
1986	45.6%	18.3%	.3%	5.1%	30.1%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
1987	44.9%	18.7%	.3%	6.2%	29.5%		.2%	.2%	.1%

1988	42.3%	20.2%	.6%	5.1%	31.4%		.1%	.2%	.1%
1989	40.6%	19.0%	.4%	5.4%	33.9%		.5%		.1%
1990	42.6%	18.9%	.5%	6.4%	31.0%		.2%	.2%	.1%
1991	35.1%	17.9%	.3%	5.4%	40.5%	.0%	.4%	.2%	.2%
1992	32.9%	21.1%	.5%	4.0%	40.9%	.0%	.3%	.2%	.1%
1993	33.6%	20.8%	.4%	4.4%	40.2%	.1%	.2%	.1%	.1%
1994	33.3%	20.9%	.6%	4.9%	39.5%		.4%	.3%	.2%
1995	38.9%	17.3%	.6%	5.9%	36.3%	.1%	.5%	.3%	.1%
1996	39.2%	18.5%	.1%	6.5%	34.7%	.1%	.4%	.2%	.1%
1997	38.2%	18.0%	.2%	4.9%	37.7%		.5%	.3%	.2%
1998	44.2%	17.5%	.6%	5.3%	31.3%		.4%	.3%	.3%
1999	43.8%	19.6%	.4%	5.1%	30.5%		.2%	.1%	.1%
2000	41.2%	17.4%	.4%	5.0%	35.0%	.1%	.3%	.2%	.3%

Stranger Homicides by Racial Composition of Victims and Offenders

	White on White	Black on White	Other on White	White on Black	Black on Black	Other on Black	White on Other	Black on Other	Other on Other
1976	992	413	19	105	685		7	1	3
1977	1,001	420	14	125	639	1	7	4	7
1978	1,055	443	10	84	711		15	1	4
1979	1,029	491	18	118	707		6	4	8
1980	1,104	531	13	131	775	2	4	2	6
1981	1,201	588	13	133	916	3	6	6	2
1982	1,128	504	12	133	839		10	5	2
1983	988	414	14	89	654		13	2	2
1984	1,075	389	8	100	606		11	2	6
1985	917	413	13	103	632	1	10	5	8
1986	953	383	5	106	629	1	7	1	4
1987	883	367	6	122	580		4	3	1
1988	881	421	12	106	654		2	5	2
1989	967	452	10	128	805		12		3
1990	1,201	534	14	182	873		7	6	3
1991	1,120	572	9	171	1,293	1	14	7	6
1992	897	574	14	110	1,116	1	7	5	2
1993	1,020	632	13	133	1,220	3	5	3	4
1994	892	559	15	131	1,056		12	8	4
1995	1,073	478	16	164	1,002	2	13	9	3
1996	914	432	3	152	809	2	9	6	2
1997	770	363	5	98	759		9	6	5
1998	840	333	12	100	595		8	6	6
1999	727	324	7	85	506		4	2	2
2000	780	328	8	94	663	2	6	5	6

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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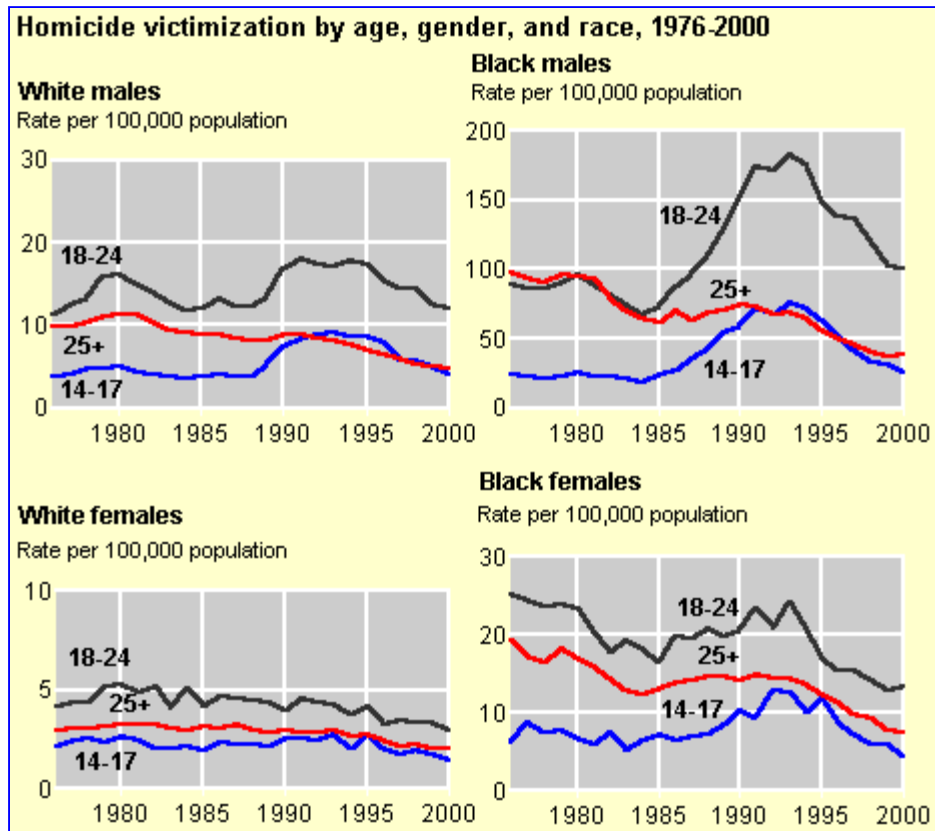
Dramatic increases in both homicide victimization and offending rates were experienced by young males, particularly young black males, in the late 1980's and early 1990's

During the past few years, homicide victimization rates have dropped for all groups. However, rates are not declining as rapidly as they did in the middle 1990's.

In addition, homicide victimization rates --

- for both black and white male teens and black female teens showed similar patterns of an increase in the late 1980's and a more recent decline
- for black male teens and young adults declined more dramatically in recent years, but remain at relatively high levels
- for white male teens increased sharply several years later than those for black male teens
- for white male teens and young adults did not decline as rapidly as the rates for black male teens and young adults
- for those over age 25 of all race and gender groups generally declined over the past two decades
- for male teens ages 14 to 17, which historically had been lower than those for older age groups, rose in the early 1990's to exceed the rates for persons age 25 and older, but recently dropped back below the rates for persons age 25 and older.
- for black females in all age groups were closer to those for white males than those for white females
- for white females in all age groups declined

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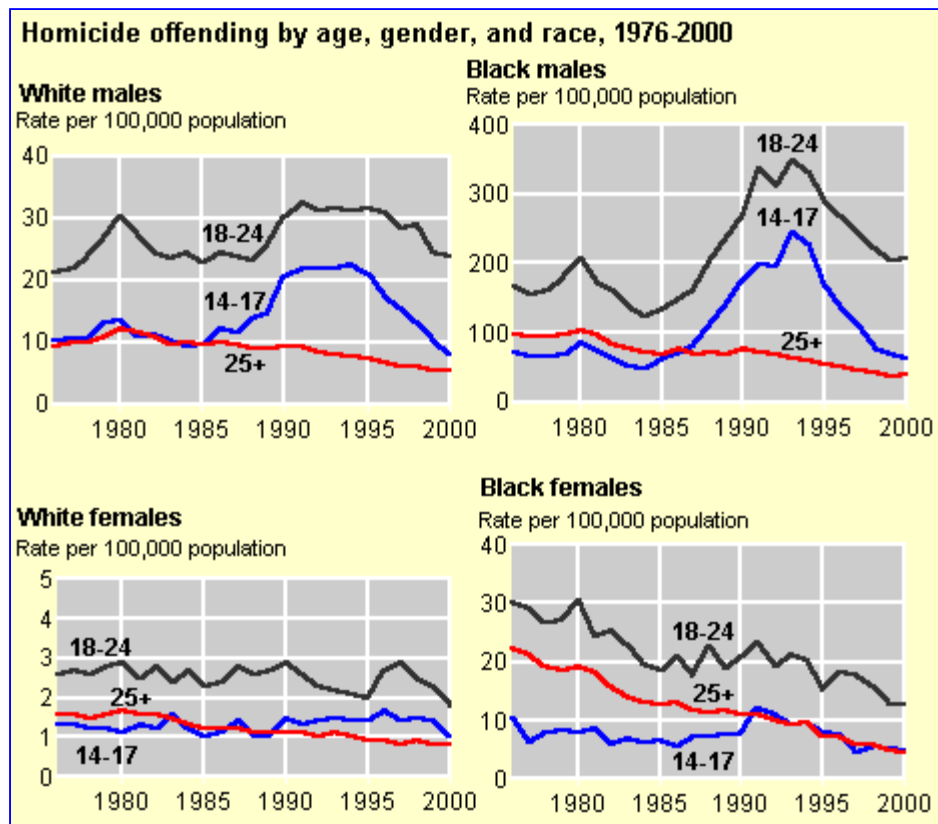
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Homicide offending patterns are similar to victimization patterns

Homicide offending rates for--

- adults (ages 25 and over) generally declined throughout the period from 1976 to 2000 for all racial and gender groups
- young adults (ages 18-24) are the highest among all groups
- black and white males under age 25 increased in the late 1980's
- white males ages 18-24 did not decline as much as those for young black males and white males ages 14-17
- adult females declined over the past two decades for both races
- white female teens (ages 14-17) do not show a consistent pattern due to fairly modest shifts
- black female teens followed a pattern similar to that of male teens both black and white, although without the dramatic increases

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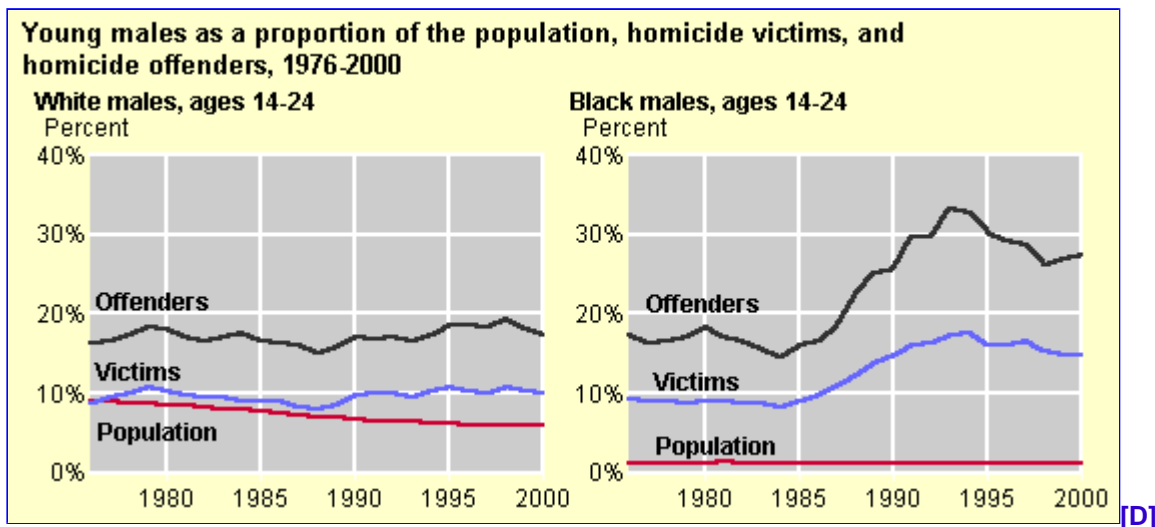
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Young males, particularly young black males, are disproportionately involved in homicide compared to their share of the population

The proportion of the population represented by --

- young white males has declined, while the proportions of homicide victims and offenders who were young white males have been increasing
- young black males has remained at about 1%, while the proportions of homicide victims and offenders who were young black males have increased dramatically from the mid 1980's to the early 1990's but have declined recently

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Age, Race, and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	3.7	11.3	9.8	24.2	89.8	97.2	2.1	4.2	3.0	6.3	25.1	19.3
1977	4.1	12.5	9.9	22.4	86.9	94.1	2.4	4.4	3.1	8.7	24.5	17.2
1978	4.7	13.3	10.4	21.9	86.4	90.3	2.5	4.4	3.1	7.6	23.7	16.5
1979	4.9	16.0	11.0	23.2	90.9	95.7	2.3	5.2	3.2	7.8	24.0	18.2
1980	5.1	16.2	11.4	26.3	96.7	94.8	2.6	5.3	3.3	6.8	23.5	17.1
1981	4.3	14.9	11.3	23.0	89.7	93.2	2.4	4.9	3.3	6.0	20.4	16.0
1982	4.0	13.9	10.4	22.3	82.6	79.5	2.0	5.2	3.3	7.5	17.7	14.4
1983	3.8	12.7	9.4	21.3	75.0	70.6	2.0	4.1	3.1	5.2	19.4	13.0
1984	3.5	11.9	9.1	18.4	67.9	64.5	2.1	5.1	3.0	6.4	18.2	12.4
1985	3.9	12.0	8.9	23.6	73.1	62.2	1.9	4.2	3.2	7.3	16.5	13.2
1986	4.1	13.3	9.0	26.7	87.5	69.9	2.3	4.7	3.1	6.5	19.7	14.0
1987	3.7	12.3	8.4	36.0	95.9	63.7	2.2	4.6	3.3	7.1	19.5	14.3
1988	3.9	12.2	8.1	43.1	108.9	68.9	2.2	4.5	3.0	7.2	20.7	14.7
1989	5.2	13.4	8.2	54.0	127.6	70.1	2.1	4.4	2.8	8.6	19.8	14.6
1990	7.5	16.8	8.8	59.1	151.5	74.6	2.5	4.0	2.9	10.3	20.6	14.3
1991	8.5	18.2	8.8	71.9	173.7	72.6	2.5	4.6	2.8	9.4	23.4	15.0
1992	9.0	17.4	8.3	67.3	171.7	67.6	2.4	4.4	2.8	12.8	20.8	14.4
1993	9.1	17.1	8.1	76.4	183.4	68.2	2.7	4.3	3.0	12.7	24.1	14.5
1994	8.7	17.8	7.7	71.6	176.2	64.3	2.0	3.8	2.6	10.0	20.7	13.7
1995	8.7	17.3	6.9	63.2	148.8	56.4	2.7	4.2	2.7	11.9	17.1	12.3
1996	7.9	15.4	6.5	52.2	138.2	50.0	2.0	3.3	2.4	8.9	15.4	11.3
1997	5.7	14.5	5.9	42.1	136.6	45.5	1.7	3.5	2.1	7.2	15.4	9.9
1998	5.7	14.5	5.3	32.8	117.4	40.6	1.9	3.4	2.2	5.9	14.3	9.3
1999	5.1	12.5	5.0	31.0	102.4	36.5	1.7	3.4	2.0	5.9	12.9	7.9
2000	4.1	12.1	4.7	25.7	100.2	37.9	1.4	2.9	2.0	4.5	13.4	7.5

Homicide Victims by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	265	1,363	4,974	264	1,471	4,884	147	499	1,718	69	442	1,183
1977	289	1,525	5,114	244	1,468	4,853	161	531	1,809	95	444	1,090

1978	331	1,637	5,458	239	1,496	4,795	167	531	1,804	84	440	1,074
1979	337	1,984	5,926	254	1,608	5,229	152	629	1,897	85	454	1,224
1980	352	2,038	6,306	295	1,780	5,478	170	652	2,037	76	463	1,217
1981	289	1,898	6,381	267	1,735	5,709	153	612	2,051	70	418	1,209
1982	264	1,746	5,977	256	1,601	5,009	123	637	2,136	85	362	1,118
1983	242	1,585	5,486	241	1,457	4,569	124	503	2,025	58	397	1,037
1984	217	1,467	5,401	204	1,320	4,285	126	607	1,947	70	371	1,010
1985	238	1,465	5,383	259	1,422	4,243	113	489	2,167	79	334	1,106
1986	249	1,583	5,525	292	1,701	4,889	132	542	2,093	70	396	1,205
1987	223	1,429	5,284	394	1,845	4,569	128	517	2,257	76	387	1,260
1988	234	1,390	5,131	472	2,068	5,049	125	491	2,112	77	406	1,326
1989	311	1,487	5,251	590	2,388	5,255	116	469	1,986	92	382	1,341
1990	412	1,874	5,672	614	2,827	5,652	131	428	2,051	104	395	1,327
1991	472	1,992	5,796	755	3,225	5,650	131	475	2,026	96	449	1,422
1992	507	1,864	5,556	721	3,185	5,372	128	452	2,051	133	394	1,395
1993	516	1,846	5,411	832	3,440	5,499	144	441	2,192	133	464	1,425
1994	499	1,885	5,204	799	3,287	5,266	107	386	1,926	108	395	1,373
1995	516	1,794	4,756	734	2,762	4,695	152	419	2,027	134	324	1,250
1996	477	1,570	4,486	617	2,561	4,230	111	320	1,789	101	292	1,164
1997	356	1,457	4,100	509	2,510	3,921	100	335	1,610	84	289	1,041
1998	357	1,462	3,732	402	2,169	3,555	111	325	1,716	69	270	992
1999	322	1,285	3,572	379	1,930	3,238	99	332	1,531	69	248	859
2000	267	1,290	3,421	325	1,970	3,489	88	298	1,576	54	270	847

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	10.4	21.3	9.4	72.4	166.4	98.3	1.3	2.6	1.6	10.3	30.0	22.3
1977	10.6	21.7	9.8	66.6	155.4	93.3	1.3	2.7	1.6	6.2	29.0	21.2
1978	10.7	23.7	10.0	64.5	161.2	93.1	1.2	2.6	1.5	7.9	26.6	19.3
1979	13.3	26.8	10.8	70.0	181.5	97.7	1.2	2.8	1.6	8.3	27.1	18.6
1980	13.6	30.2	12.1	85.2	207.9	104.1	1.1	2.9	1.7	8.0	30.6	19.2
1981	10.9	26.9	11.4	73.1	173.1	97.1	1.3	2.5	1.6	8.6	24.5	18.1
1982	11.3	24.3	10.9	61.6	160.2	83.6	1.2	2.8	1.6	5.9	25.5	15.8
1983	10.3	23.5	9.7	50.5	137.7	76.9	1.6	2.4	1.5	7.0	23.1	14.2
1984	9.4	24.5	9.8	47.6	124.2	71.6	1.2	2.7	1.3	6.2	19.6	13.1
1985	9.7	22.8	9.7	62.7	133.7	68.6	1.0	2.3	1.2	6.6	18.7	12.9
1986	12.3	24.3	9.9	72.2	149.9	76.5	1.1	2.4	1.2	5.6	20.8	13.2
1987	11.4	23.8	9.7	81.7	163.0	69.3	1.4	2.8	1.2	7.3	17.5	11.6
1988	13.9	23.0	9.1	111.9	204.0	72.7	1.0	2.6	1.1	7.4	22.6	11.5
1989	14.9	25.8	8.8	141.0	236.9	68.7	1.0	2.7	1.1	7.7	19.0	11.7
1990	20.6	30.2	9.3	175.3	266.7	78.4	1.5	2.9	1.1	7.5	20.9	11.0
1991	21.9	32.6	9.4	199.1	337.5	71.7	1.3	2.6	1.1	12.1	23.4	11.2
1992	21.8	31.3	8.2	195.2	312.0	67.9	1.4	2.3	1.0	11.1	19.2	10.1
1993	21.8	31.5	8.0	244.1	347.6	63.8	1.5	2.2	1.1	9.3	21.3	9.4
1994	22.4	31.1	7.7	226.7	329.8	58.5	1.4	2.1	1.0	9.7	20.1	9.6
1995	20.8	31.6	7.5	165.8	288.3	53.6	1.4	2.0	.9	8.1	15.3	7.2
1996	17.2	30.9	6.6	133.5	268.0	49.9	1.7	2.7	.9	7.6	18.1	7.2
1997	15.3	28.2	6.0	113.0	245.8	46.9	1.4	2.9	.8	4.6	17.9	6.0
1998	13.2	28.8	6.1	75.9	222.2	41.9	1.5	2.5	.9	5.6	15.9	5.9
1999	10.2	24.3	5.5	67.6	204.3	37.5	1.4	2.3	.8	5.4	12.6	4.9
2000	7.9	23.9	5.3	62.8	205.8	39.2	1.0	1.8	.8	4.9	12.6	4.6

Homicide Offenders by Age, Race and Gender

	White Male			Black Male			White Female			Black Female		
	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	746	2,566	4,810	789	2,725	4,942	92	305	903	113	529	1,369
1977	752	2,647	5,072	726	2,624	4,813	87	321	901	68	526	1,341

1978	749	2,911	5,296	706	2,791	4,940	79	315	874	87	495	1,261
1979	915	3,319	5,807	768	3,211	5,340	79	343	948	91	514	1,252
1980	929	3,796	6,666	956	3,828	6,011	73	362	1,054	90	602	1,367
1981	737	3,417	6,393	849	3,348	5,950	86	307	989	100	503	1,365
1982	742	3,062	6,263	706	3,104	5,269	74	343	991	67	523	1,229
1983	655	2,932	5,685	571	2,677	4,977	95	292	948	78	474	1,131
1984	584	3,013	5,849	528	2,415	4,755	71	324	834	68	401	1,069
1985	595	2,772	5,849	687	2,600	4,677	58	274	822	71	380	1,079
1986	749	2,895	6,112	789	2,913	5,350	65	271	839	61	418	1,131
1987	693	2,772	6,042	894	3,137	4,967	80	309	849	79	347	1,022
1988	835	2,620	5,787	1,227	3,873	5,332	57	285	785	80	442	1,035
1989	883	2,867	5,681	1,540	4,434	5,144	54	282	784	83	366	1,072
1990	1,129	3,375	6,034	1,820	4,976	5,937	77	305	815	75	402	1,020
1991	1,207	3,564	6,144	2,092	6,267	5,577	69	273	764	123	447	1,070
1992	1,225	3,354	5,487	2,091	5,787	5,394	72	232	703	115	365	977
1993	1,232	3,390	5,388	2,658	6,523	5,139	79	230	793	98	410	929
1994	1,287	3,295	5,210	2,530	6,153	4,793	76	212	751	105	384	958
1995	1,236	3,285	5,113	1,924	5,352	4,461	77	198	674	90	290	735
1996	1,041	3,151	4,584	1,578	4,966	4,223	99	264	660	86	342	740
1997	950	2,826	4,220	1,368	4,516	4,039	83	280	632	53	335	630
1998	835	2,895	4,290	931	4,105	3,669	88	236	709	66	300	627
1999	640	2,493	3,900	826	3,853	3,329	82	229	579	64	243	536
2000	514	2,549	3,922	795	4,048	3,607	62	179	617	59	253	523

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Proportion of Population, Victims, and Offenders by Demographic Group

	White Males, Ages 14-24			Black Males, Ages 14-24			All Others		
	Population	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders	Population	Victims	Offenders
1976	8.9%	8.7%	16.3%	1.3%	9.2%	17.3%	89.8%	82.1%	66.5%
1977	8.9%	9.5%	16.7%	1.3%	9.0%	16.4%	89.8%	81.6%	66.9%
1978	8.8%	10.1%	17.4%	1.3%	8.9%	16.7%	89.9%	81.1%	65.9%
1979	8.8%	10.8%	18.3%	1.3%	8.7%	17.2%	89.9%	80.5%	64.6%
1980	8.6%	10.4%	18.0%	1.3%	9.0%	18.3%	90.1%	80.6%	63.7%
1981	8.5%	9.7%	17.0%	1.4%	8.9%	17.1%	90.2%	81.4%	65.9%
1982	8.3%	9.6%	16.6%	1.3%	8.8%	16.7%	90.4%	81.6%	66.7%
1983	8.1%	9.5%	17.1%	1.3%	8.8%	15.5%	90.6%	81.7%	67.5%
1984	7.9%	9.0%	17.7%	1.3%	8.2%	14.5%	90.9%	82.8%	67.8%
1985	7.7%	9.0%	16.5%	1.3%	8.9%	16.1%	91.1%	82.2%	67.3%
1986	7.5%	8.9%	16.4%	1.3%	9.7%	16.7%	91.3%	81.4%	66.9%
1987	7.3%	8.2%	16.0%	1.2%	11.1%	18.6%	91.5%	80.6%	65.5%
1988	7.1%	7.9%	15.1%	1.2%	12.3%	22.3%	91.7%	79.9%	62.5%
1989	6.9%	8.4%	15.8%	1.2%	13.9%	25.2%	91.9%	77.8%	59.0%
1990	6.7%	9.8%	17.0%	1.2%	14.7%	25.7%	92.1%	75.6%	57.3%
1991	6.5%	10.0%	16.9%	1.2%	16.1%	29.6%	92.3%	73.9%	53.5%
1992	6.4%	10.0%	17.2%	1.1%	16.4%	29.7%	92.5%	73.6%	53.1%
1993	6.4%	9.6%	16.7%	1.1%	17.4%	33.2%	92.5%	73.0%	50.1%
1994	6.3%	10.2%	17.3%	1.1%	17.5%	32.8%	92.6%	72.3%	49.9%
1995	6.2%	10.7%	18.7%	1.1%	16.2%	30.1%	92.6%	73.1%	51.2%
1996	6.1%	10.4%	18.7%	1.1%	16.2%	29.2%	92.7%	73.4%	52.1%
1997	6.1%	10.0%	18.3%	1.1%	16.6%	28.6%	92.8%	73.5%	53.1%
1998	6.1%	10.7%	19.3%	1.1%	15.2%	26.1%	92.8%	74.1%	54.6%
1999	6.1%	10.4%	18.0%	1.1%	14.9%	26.9%	92.8%	74.8%	55.1%
2000	6.1%	10.0%	17.3%	1.1%	14.8%	27.4%	92.7%	75.2%	55.2%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

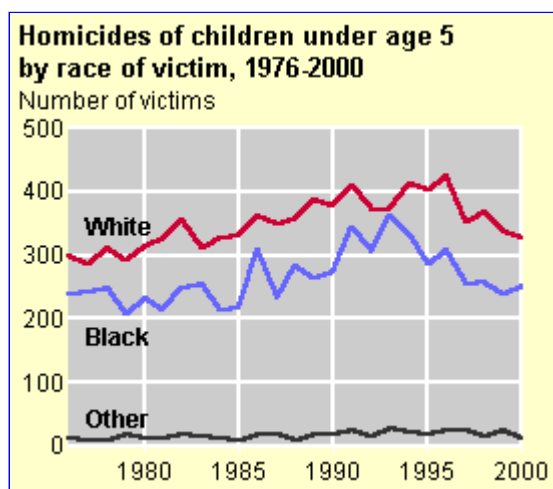
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The number of homicides of children under age 5 increased over the past two decades but declined recently

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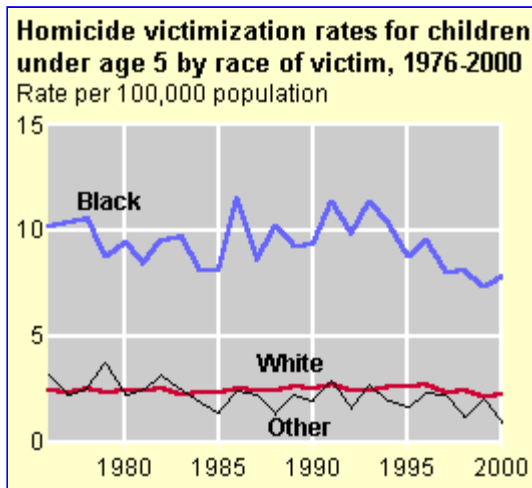
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While the incidence of infanticide has increased, the rates have remained fairly stable

Infanticide rates for --

- black children have fluctuated, but are currently lower than in earlier years
- white children have remained stable
- children of other racial groups have declined

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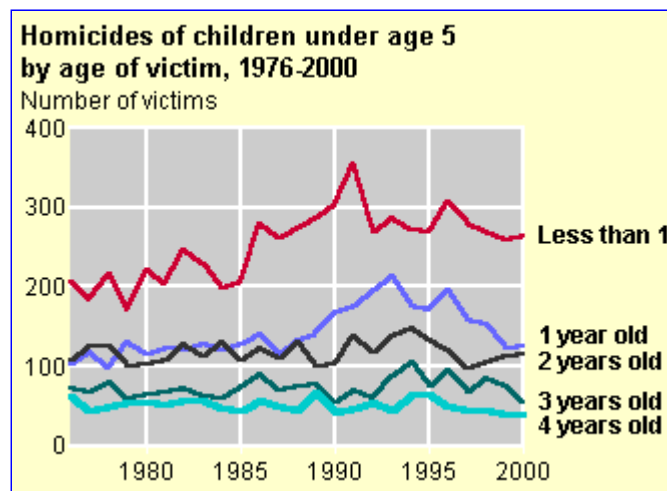


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The younger the child, the greater the risk for infanticide

Through the early 1990s, the number of infanticides of children age 1 and younger has increased while the number for older children has remained relatively constant. After starting to decline in the early 1990's, the number of infanticides of children age 1 and younger has stabilized.

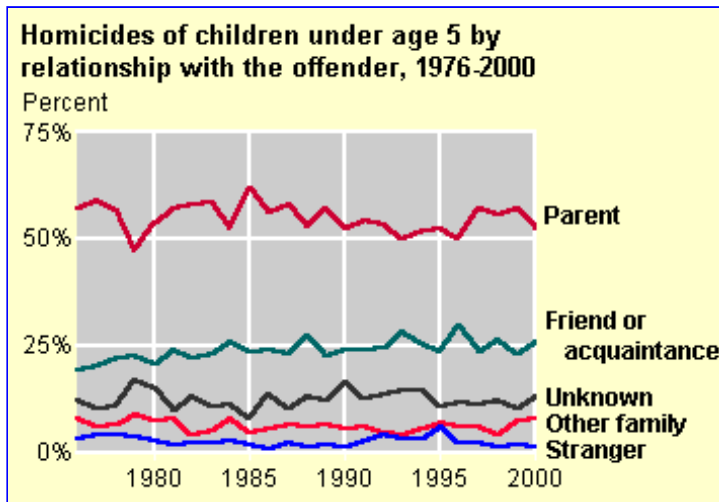
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A parent is the perpetrator in most homicides of children under age 5

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Note: Parents includes stepparents.

Of all children under age 5 murdered from 1976-2000 --

- 31% were killed by fathers
- 30% were killed by mothers
- 23% were killed by male acquaintances
- 7% were killed by other relatives
- 3% were killed by strangers

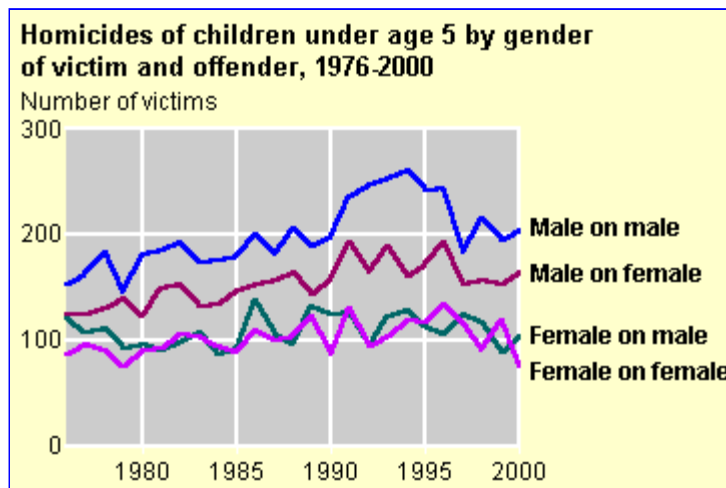
Of those children killed by someone other than their parent, 82% were killed by males.

Relationship, 1976-2000

Gender of offender	Parent	Other family	Friend/ Acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown
Male	4,360	633	3,213	361	253
Female	4,258	330	584	21	72

Most of the children killed are male and most of the offenders are male

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicides of Children under Age 5 by Race of Victim

	White	Black	Other	Total
1976	300	239	11	550
1977	286	242	8	537
1978	310	248	10	569
1979	293	208	17	518
1980	315	231	11	557
1981	328	213	13	555
1982	355	247	18	620
1983	311	254	16	581
1984	328	213	13	554
1985	330	216	10	556
1986	361	308	17	686
1987	350	234	17	601
1988	357	282	10	649
1989	386	263	18	667
1990	379	274	17	671
1991	409	343	26	778
1992	371	304	16	691
1993	371	362	28	761
1994	413	329	21	763
1995	404	287	18	709
1996	424	307	25	756
1997	351	255	25	631
1998	368	259	14	641
1999	338	239	25	601

2000 326 252 12 590

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Infanticide Rates per 100,000 Population by Race of Victim

	White	Black	Other
1976	2.4	10.2	3.2
1977	2.3	10.4	2.2
1978	2.5	10.6	2.5
1979	2.3	8.8	3.8
1980	2.4	9.4	2.2
1981	2.4	8.4	2.5
1982	2.5	9.5	3.2
1983	2.2	9.7	2.5
1984	2.3	8.1	2.0
1985	2.3	8.1	1.4
1986	2.5	11.5	2.4
1987	2.4	8.6	2.2
1988	2.4	10.2	1.3
1989	2.6	9.2	2.2
1990	2.5	9.3	2.0
1991	2.7	11.3	2.9
1992	2.4	9.8	1.6
1993	2.4	11.3	2.7
1994	2.6	10.2	2.0
1995	2.6	8.8	1.7
1996	2.7	9.5	2.3
1997	2.3	8.0	2.2
1998	2.4	8.1	1.2
1999	2.2	7.4	2.0
2000	2.2	7.8	.9

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Infanticide by Victim Age

	Age of Victim					Total
	Less than 1	1 year old	2 years old	3 years old	4 years old	
1976	206	103	107	72	62	551
1977	184	118	125	67	46	540
1978	216	98	125	79	51	571
1979	170	131	101	61	56	520
1980	222	116	103	66	56	564
1981	204	124	109	67	52	556
1982	246	121	128	73	57	625
1983	228	127	113	62	57	586
1984	199	120	130	61	48	558
1985	206	127	107	75	44	558
1986	280	141	123	90	58	692
1987	261	115	111	70	49	606
1988	275	132	130	74	45	656
1989	288	140	101	78	67	674
1990	305	169	104	54	43	675
1991	354	177	137	71	47	785
1992	268	197	117	61	54	697
1993	286	214	139	87	46	770
1994	272	177	149	105	65	768
1995	270	172	133	74	65	714
1996	307	195	120	96	51	769
1997	278	159	97	67	45	645
1998	268	152	106	85	44	654
1999	260	124	113	76	39	613
2000	265	125	116	55	39	601

Infanticide by Victim Age

Age of Victim				
Less	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years

	than 1	old	old	old	old	Total
1976	37.4%	18.7%	19.5%	13.1%	11.3%	100.0%
1977	34.2%	21.8%	23.2%	12.4%	8.4%	100.0%
1978	37.9%	17.2%	22.0%	13.9%	9.0%	100.0%
1979	32.7%	25.3%	19.4%	11.8%	10.8%	100.0%
1980	39.4%	20.6%	18.3%	11.8%	9.9%	100.0%
1981	36.8%	22.2%	19.6%	12.1%	9.3%	100.0%
1982	39.3%	19.3%	20.5%	11.7%	9.1%	100.0%
1983	38.8%	21.7%	19.2%	10.6%	9.7%	100.0%
1984	35.7%	21.6%	23.3%	10.9%	8.5%	100.0%
1985	36.8%	22.7%	19.2%	13.4%	7.9%	100.0%
1986	40.5%	20.4%	17.8%	13.0%	8.3%	100.0%
1987	43.0%	19.0%	18.3%	11.6%	8.1%	100.0%
1988	41.9%	20.2%	19.8%	11.2%	6.8%	100.0%
1989	42.8%	20.7%	15.0%	11.6%	9.9%	100.0%
1990	45.2%	25.0%	15.4%	8.0%	6.3%	100.0%
1991	45.1%	22.5%	17.4%	9.0%	6.0%	100.0%
1992	38.4%	28.2%	16.8%	8.7%	7.8%	100.0%
1993	37.1%	27.7%	18.0%	11.3%	5.9%	100.0%
1994	35.4%	23.1%	19.4%	13.6%	8.5%	100.0%
1995	37.9%	24.1%	18.6%	10.4%	9.0%	100.0%
1996	39.9%	25.3%	15.7%	12.5%	6.6%	100.0%
1997	43.1%	24.6%	15.0%	10.3%	7.0%	100.0%
1998	40.9%	23.2%	16.2%	13.0%	6.8%	100.0%
1999	42.4%	20.2%	18.5%	12.5%	6.4%	100.0%
2000	44.1%	20.9%	19.3%	9.2%	6.4%	100.0%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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Percent of Homicides of Children under age 5 by Relationship with the Offender

	Parent	Other family	Friend/ acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown	Total
1976	57.3%	7.8%	19.5%	3.3%	12.1%	100.0%
1977	59.1%	6.1%	20.2%	4.1%	10.4%	100.0%
1978	56.8%	6.4%	22.0%	4.0%	10.8%	100.0%
1979	47.3%	9.0%	22.8%	3.8%	17.0%	100.0%
1980	54.0%	7.5%	20.7%	2.8%	15.0%	100.0%
1981	57.0%	7.7%	24.0%	1.6%	9.7%	100.0%
1982	57.9%	4.3%	22.2%	2.4%	13.1%	100.0%
1983	58.7%	5.3%	22.9%	2.3%	10.8%	100.0%
1984	52.4%	7.8%	26.0%	2.7%	11.1%	100.0%
1985	61.8%	4.7%	23.6%	1.7%	8.1%	100.0%
1986	56.1%	5.6%	24.0%	.9%	13.4%	100.0%
1987	57.9%	6.3%	23.2%	2.2%	10.3%	100.0%
1988	52.8%	5.8%	27.4%	1.1%	13.0%	100.0%
1989	57.1%	6.6%	22.4%	2.0%	12.0%	100.0%
1990	52.2%	5.7%	24.1%	1.5%	16.4%	100.0%
1991	54.4%	6.2%	24.1%	2.6%	12.6%	100.0%
1992	53.3%	4.5%	24.6%	4.1%	13.5%	100.0%
1993	49.9%	4.3%	28.3%	3.0%	14.6%	100.0%
1994	51.9%	5.5%	25.2%	3.0%	14.4%	100.0%
1995	52.3%	7.1%	23.7%	6.0%	10.9%	100.0%
1996	50.2%	6.0%	29.8%	2.4%	11.6%	100.0%
1997	56.9%	6.2%	23.5%	2.3%	11.1%	100.0%
1998	55.7%	4.2%	26.5%	1.3%	12.4%	100.0%
1999	57.2%	7.6%	23.0%	1.9%	10.3%	100.0%
2000	52.3%	7.8%	25.8%	1.2%	12.9%	100.0%

Homicides of Children under age 5 by Relationship with the Offender

Other Friend/

	Parent	family	Acquaintance	Stranger	Unknown	Total
1976	316	43	107	18	67	551
1977	319	33	109	22	56	540
1978	324	37	125	23	62	571
1979	246	47	119	20	89	520
1980	305	42	117	16	84	564
1981	317	43	134	9	54	556
1982	362	27	139	15	82	625
1983	344	31	134	13	63	586
1984	292	43	145	15	62	558
1985	345	26	132	10	45	558
1986	389	39	166	6	93	692
1987	351	38	141	13	63	606
1988	346	38	180	7	85	656
1989	385	44	151	14	81	674
1990	353	38	163	10	111	675
1991	427	49	189	21	99	785
1992	371	31	172	28	94	697
1993	384	33	218	23	112	770
1994	398	42	193	23	111	768
1995	374	51	169	43	78	714
1996	386	46	229	19	89	769
1997	367	40	152	15	71	645
1998	364	27	173	8	81	654
1999	351	47	141	12	63	613
2000	314	47	155	7	77	601

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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Infanticide by Gender of Victim and Offender

	Male on Male	Female on Male	Male on Female	Female on Female
1976	153	120	124	87
1977	162	108	124	96
1978	183	112	130	91
1979	146	93	139	75
1980	182	96	122	90
1981	184	90	148	92
1982	192	98	153	106
1983	174	107	132	104
1984	175	86	134	95
1985	180	92	147	89
1986	200	138	153	109
1987	181	105	157	100
1988	205	96	165	104
1989	188	132	143	123
1990	199	124	158	86
1991	235	126	193	130
1992	247	94	164	94
1993	253	122	189	104
1994	261	128	161	119
1995	241	113	172	116
1996	244	105	193	133
1997	183	125	153	115
1998	215	117	156	90
1999	194	89	152	118
2000	204	104	165	75

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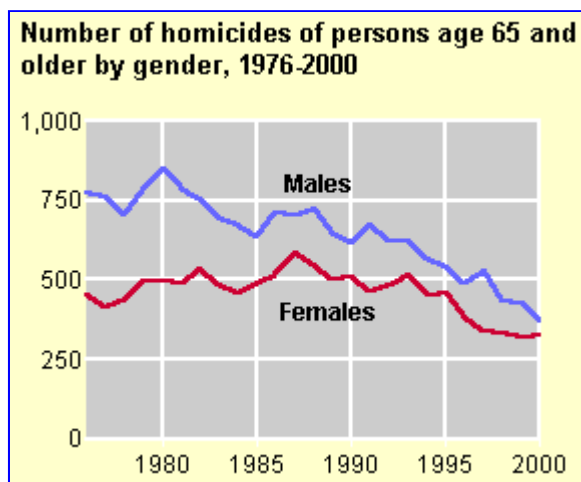
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The number of homicides of persons age 65 or older has been decreasing

- About 5% of all homicides were of persons age 65 or older
- Males age 65 or older were slightly more likely than females of the same age to be homicide victims

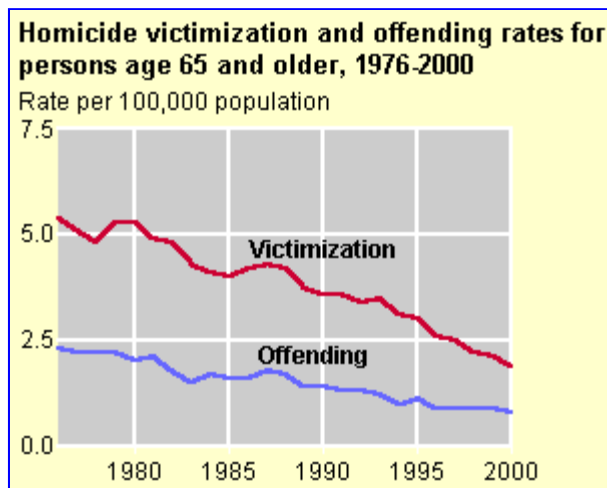
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The homicide victimization rates and offending rates for persons age 65 or older have been declining

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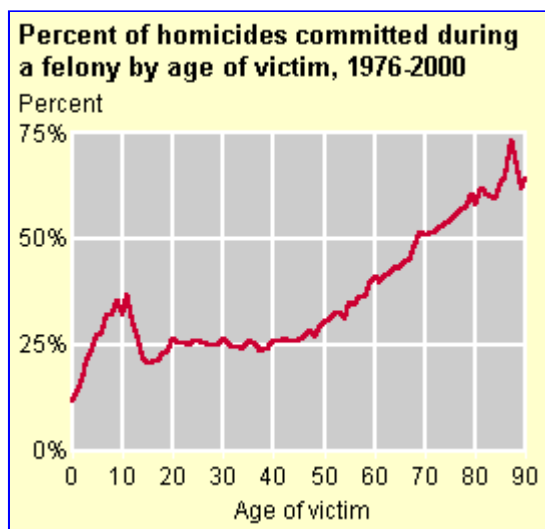


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Older homicide victims were more likely to have been killed during a felony than younger victims

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Homicides of Persons 65 and Older by Gender of Victim

	Male	Female
1976	776	450
1977	763	416
1978	703	441
1979	780	499
1980	850	495
1981	788	487
1982	754	533
1983	690	484
1984	675	456
1985	638	493
1986	712	517
1987	707	585
1988	723	547
1989	649	500
1990	617	510
1991	670	467
1992	620	484
1993	623	514
1994	567	451
1995	540	460
1996	490	385
1997	525	340
1998	435	334
1999	428	317
2000	368	326

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Homicide Victimization and Offending Rates per 100,000 Population for Persons 65 and Older

	Victims	Offenders
1976	5.4	2.3
1977	5.1	2.2
1978	4.8	2.2
1979	5.3	2.2
1980	5.3	2.0
1981	4.9	2.1
1982	4.8	1.8
1983	4.3	1.5
1984	4.1	1.7
1985	4.0	1.6
1986	4.2	1.6
1987	4.3	1.8
1988	4.2	1.7
1989	3.7	1.4
1990	3.6	1.4
1991	3.6	1.3
1992	3.4	1.3
1993	3.5	1.2
1994	3.1	1.0
1995	3.0	1.1
1996	2.6	.9
1997	2.5	.9
1998	2.2	.9
1999	2.1	.9
2000	1.9	.8

Number of Homicide Victims and Offenders Age 65 and Older

	Victims	Offenders
1976	1,226	512

1977	1,179	509
1978	1,145	513
1979	1,279	534
1980	1,345	509
1981	1,276	555
1982	1,287	483
1983	1,174	409
1984	1,132	483
1985	1,133	461
1986	1,229	476
1987	1,292	534
1988	1,269	517
1989	1,149	443
1990	1,127	442
1991	1,137	410
1992	1,105	409
1993	1,138	403
1994	1,019	346
1995	1,000	362
1996	876	323
1997	866	314
1998	769	298
1999	746	301
2000	696	289

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Victim age by circumstance

Age of victim	Felony		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	652	11.8%	4,866	88.2%
1	440	13.7%	2,769	86.3%
2	438	16.8%	2,167	83.2%
3	340	21.1%	1,271	78.9%
4	265	24.0%	837	76.0%
5	227	27.3%	605	72.7%
6	188	28.3%	476	71.7%
7	192	31.9%	408	68.1%
8	186	32.6%	385	67.4%
9	193	35.3%	353	64.7%
10	167	31.9%	357	68.1%
11	202	36.6%	349	63.4%
12	237	30.0%	554	70.0%
13	300	27.4%	795	72.6%
14	437	21.4%	1,602	78.6%
15	722	20.5%	2,808	79.5%
16	1,206	21.1%	4,512	78.9%
17	1,777	21.3%	6,581	78.7%
18	2,418	22.9%	8,136	77.1%
19	3,074	24.2%	9,613	75.8%
20	3,417	26.2%	9,605	73.8%
21	3,390	25.2%	10,087	74.8%
22	3,459	25.6%	10,076	74.4%
23	3,339	24.8%	10,135	75.2%
24	3,360	25.8%	9,686	74.2%
25	3,527	25.9%	10,093	74.1%
26	3,230	25.5%	9,451	74.5%
27	3,032	25.0%	9,080	75.0%
28	2,875	24.9%	8,689	75.1%
29	2,882	25.4%	8,478	74.6%
30	3,117	26.5%	8,659	73.5%
31	2,476	25.0%	7,420	75.0%
32	2,464	24.4%	7,645	75.6%
33	2,202	24.5%	6,792	75.5%

34	2,179	24.1%	6,861	75.9%
35	2,365	25.9%	6,759	74.1%
36	2,006	25.3%	5,921	74.7%
37	1,778	23.7%	5,708	76.3%
38	1,744	24.0%	5,526	76.0%
39	1,657	24.4%	5,126	75.6%
40	1,806	25.9%	5,160	74.1%
41	1,518	25.8%	4,364	74.2%
42	1,593	26.2%	4,476	73.8%
43	1,339	25.7%	3,862	74.3%
44	1,259	26.0%	3,586	74.0%
45	1,290	26.3%	3,618	73.7%
46	1,191	27.4%	3,161	72.6%
47	1,182	28.1%	3,018	71.9%
48	991	26.9%	2,692	73.1%
49	1,056	28.8%	2,615	71.2%
50	1,203	30.7%	2,720	69.3%
51	975	31.2%	2,149	68.8%
52	1,045	32.4%	2,184	67.6%
53	948	32.4%	1,981	67.6%
54	884	31.3%	1,942	68.7%
55	960	34.7%	1,803	65.3%
56	851	34.2%	1,634	65.8%
57	887	36.5%	1,545	63.5%
58	779	36.4%	1,358	63.6%
59	806	38.9%	1,268	61.1%
60	907	41.2%	1,296	58.8%
61	756	39.5%	1,158	60.5%
62	849	41.5%	1,195	58.5%
63	738	41.8%	1,029	58.2%
64	691	43.5%	899	56.5%
65	793	42.8%	1,058	57.2%
66	587	44.8%	722	55.2%
67	631	44.8%	778	55.2%
68	650	48.4%	693	51.6%
69	625	51.2%	596	48.8%
70	678	50.8%	657	49.2%
71	554	51.3%	525	48.7%
72	630	51.6%	590	48.4%
73	529	52.8%	473	47.2%
74	530	54.0%	452	46.0%
75	535	53.6%	464	46.4%
76	481	55.9%	381	44.1%
77	445	57.1%	334	42.9%

78	443	57.1%	333	42.9%
79	446	60.6%	290	39.4%
80	410	58.1%	296	41.9%
81	371	61.8%	229	38.2%
82	362	60.4%	237	39.6%
83	300	60.1%	199	39.9%
84	271	59.6%	184	40.4%
85	264	63.7%	151	36.3%
86	266	64.7%	145	35.3%
87	233	73.1%	86	26.9%
88	168	68.7%	76	31.3%
89	110	61.8%	68	38.2%
90	120	64.0%	67	36.0%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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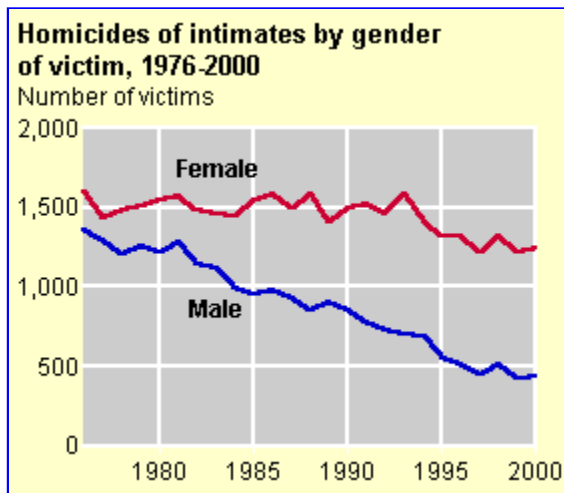
Intimate homicide

There has been a decline in homicide of intimates, especially male victims

Intimates are defined to include spouses, ex-spouses, boyfriends, and girlfriends

- The number of men murdered by intimates dropped by 68% since 1976.
- The number of women killed by intimates was stable for two decades, declined after 1993 through 1995, then remained relatively stable through 2000.

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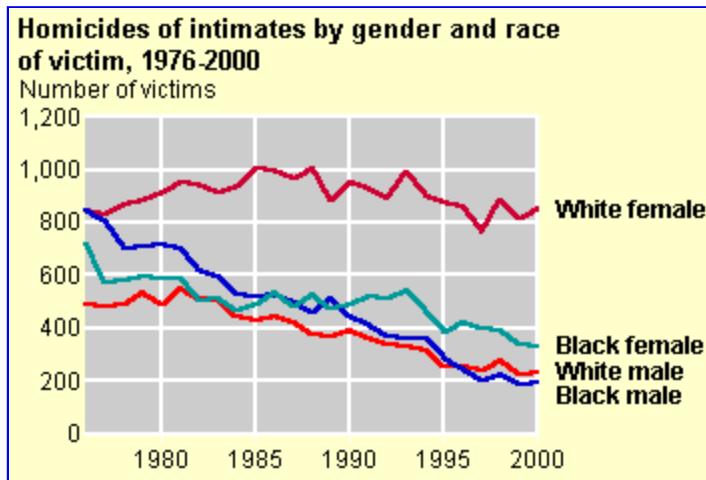
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In general, the number of intimate victims in each race and gender group declined until recently when they stabilized

Between 1976 and 2000 --

- the number of white females killed by intimates rose in the mid-1980's, declined after 1993. In 1997 the number reached the lowest level recorded over the past two decades. Since 1998, the number of white women killed by intimates has increased but not to earlier levels.
- the number of intimate homicides for all other race and gender groups declined over the period; black females killed by intimates dropped 53%, black males by 77%, and white males by 54%

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About 11% of murder victims were determined to have been killed by an intimate

Most murder victims were familiar with their assailants.

- Spouses and family members made up about 15% of all victims
- About one third of the victims were acquaintances of the assailant
- In 14% of all murders, the victim and the offender were strangers
- The victim/offender relationship was undetermined in about one third of homicides

Victim/Offender Relationship, 1976-2000

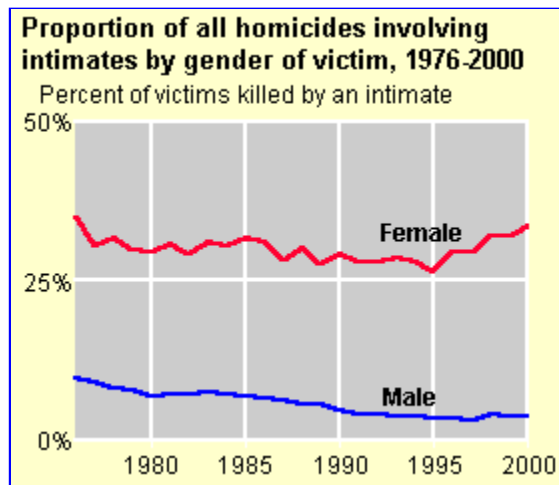
	All homicides, 1976-2000	
	Percent	Number
Total	100.0%	512,599
Intimate	11.4%	58,409
Non-intimate	54.8%	280,999
Undetermined	33.8%	173,190
Total	100.0%	512,599
Stranger	14.0%	71,565
Nonstranger		
Spouse	7.1%	36,157
Other family	7.8%	40,137
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4.3%	22,252
Other Acquaintance	33.0%	169,298
Relationship undetermined	33.8%	173,190

Female murder victims are substantially more likely than male murder victims to have been killed by an intimate

In recent years -

- About one third of female murder victims were killed by an intimate
- About 4% of male murder victims were killed by an intimate
- Of all female murder victims, the proportion killed by an intimate was relatively stable until 1995 when the proportion began increasing
- Of male murder victims, the proportion killed by an intimate has dropped.

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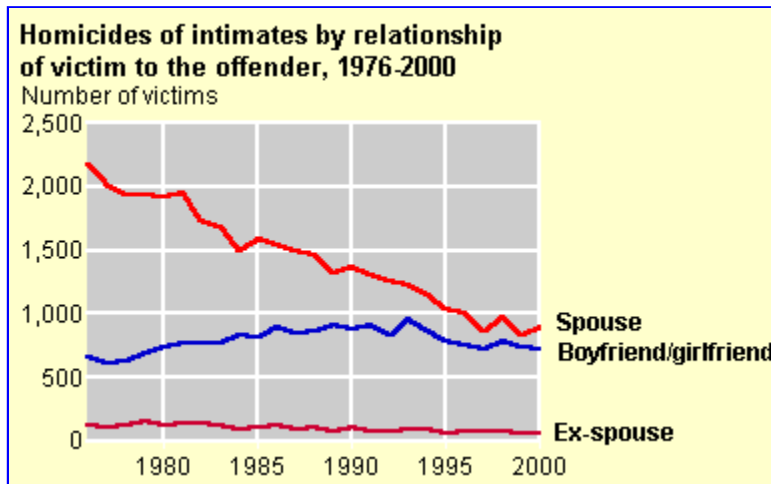
For every age group female murder victims are more likely than male victims to have been killed by an intimate

Percent of all murders by intimates, 1976-2000
Male victims Female victims

	Male victims	Female victims
Under 18	1%	6%
18-24	2	29
25-29	5	36
30-34	7	41
35-39	9	43
40-44	10	41
45-49	11	40
50-59	10	32
60+	7	20

Most victims of intimate homicide are killed by their spouses, although much less so in recent years

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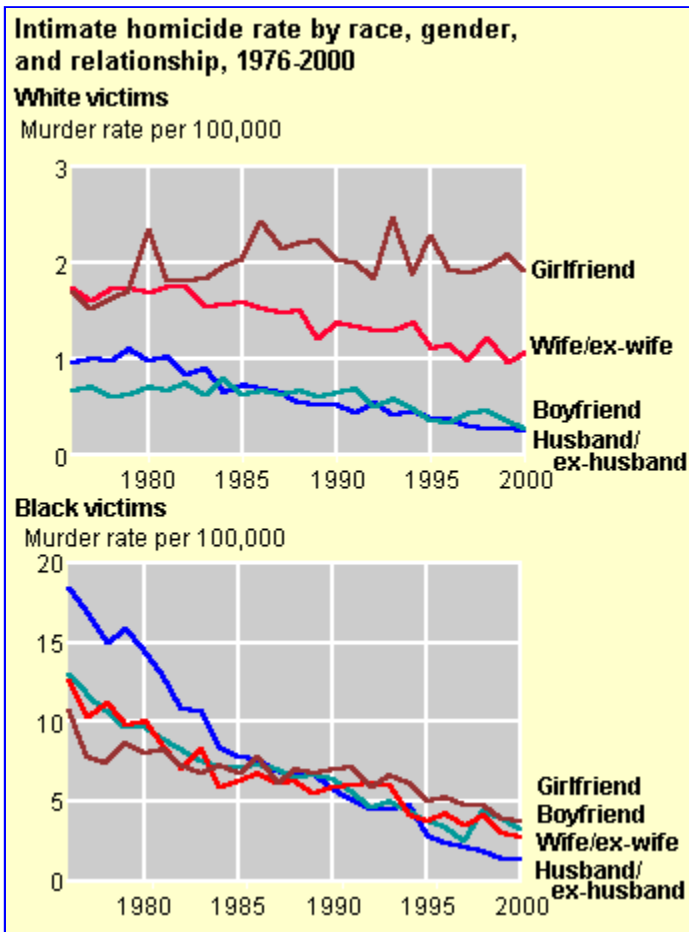
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The intimate homicide rate has fallen for blacks in every gender and relationship category while the rate for whites has not declined for all categories

The intimate homicide rate --

- for white girlfriends was higher in 2000 than it was in 1976
- for white wives and ex-wives has declined but not as much as that for white husbands and ex-husbands
- for black husbands and ex-husbands was over thirteen times greater in 1976 than it was in 2000

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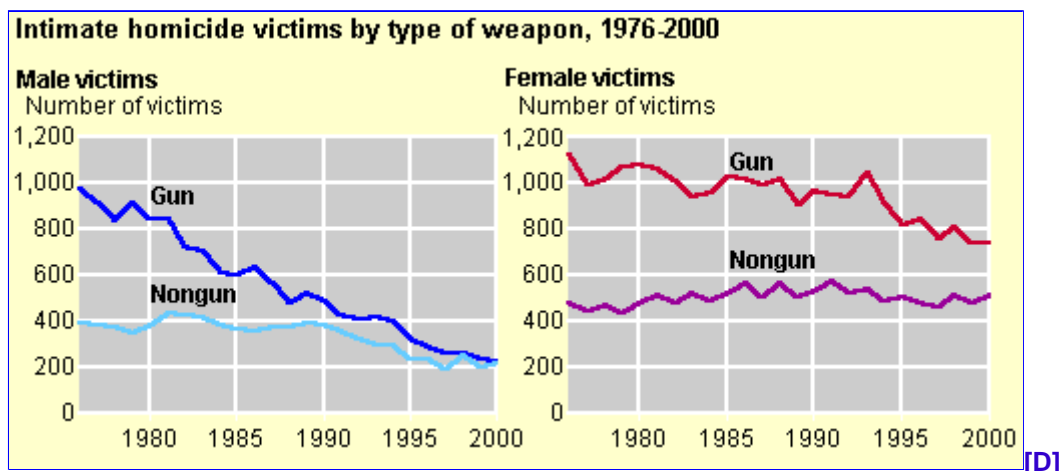


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Note: This chart refers to persons ages 20-44. The number of married or divorced persons is the population base used to calculate spouse and ex-spouse rates and the number of never married or widowed persons is the population base used to calculate boyfriend/girlfriend rates.

The number of intimate victims killed has fallen regardless of weapon type, but the decline in the number killed with guns has been more pronounced than the decline in the number killed by other methods

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In general, guns are most often used in intimate homicide but weapon type varies by relationship. From 1990 to 2000 --

- Over two-thirds of the spouse and ex-spouse victims were killed by guns
- Boyfriend victims were more likely to be killed by knives than any other group of intimates
- Intimate homicides were somewhat more likely to involve knives than nonintimate homicides

Homicides by relationship and weapon type, 1990-2000

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gun	Knife	Blunt object	Force	Other weapon
Husband/Ex-husband	100%	71%	25%	2%	1%	2%
Wife/Ex-wife	100	69	13	4	7	6
Boyfriend	100	47	45	3	2	4
Girlfriend	100	57	19	5	11	8
Nonintimate	100	63	18	5	7	6

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

Additional information about the data used in *Homicide trends in the U.S.*

For additional statistical information on this topic, see the BJS publication [Intimate Partner Violence](#).

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Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender

	Male	Female
1976	1,357	1,600
1977	1,294	1,437
1978	1,202	1,482
1979	1,262	1,506
1980	1,221	1,549
1981	1,278	1,572
1982	1,141	1,481
1983	1,113	1,462
1984	989	1,442
1985	957	1,546
1986	985	1,586
1987	933	1,494
1988	854	1,582
1989	903	1,415
1990	859	1,501
1991	779	1,518
1992	722	1,455
1993	708	1,581
1994	692	1,405
1995	547	1,321
1996	515	1,324
1997	451	1,217
1998	515	1,323
1999	426	1,218
2000	440	1,247

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Intimate Homicide Victims by Race and Gender

	White		Black		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	493	849	846	714	18	37
1977	479	831	804	570	11	34
1978	490	868	703	583	7	30
1979	535	883	712	594	16	29
1980	493	913	718	588	5	34
1981	554	952	703	591	18	27
1982	510	946	619	504	10	29
1983	508	910	594	513	10	37
1984	443	938	530	467	15	34
1985	427	1,005	518	492	12	48
1986	448	1,000	529	532	5	52
1987	424	968	498	486	8	35
1988	376	1,007	459	527	15	36
1989	371	883	512	474	11	42
1990	393	952	441	490	18	45
1991	359	931	413	520	7	55
1992	337	890	369	509	10	48
1993	330	989	362	542	12	43
1994	318	900	359	463	11	35
1995	255	874	282	387	9	50
1996	259	862	248	422	8	28
1997	239	761	202	401	9	40
1998	275	881	225	394	12	38
1999	223	814	190	338	11	61
2000	229	851	192	333	18	49

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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Percent Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender

	Male			Female		
	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total
1976	9.6%	90.4%	100.0%	34.9%	65.1%	100.0%
1977	9.0%	91.0%	100.0%	30.5%	69.5%	100.0%
1978	8.1%	91.9%	100.0%	31.9%	68.1%	100.0%
1979	7.7%	92.3%	100.0%	30.0%	70.0%	100.0%
1980	6.9%	93.1%	100.0%	29.6%	70.4%	100.0%
1981	7.3%	92.7%	100.0%	30.9%	69.1%	100.0%
1982	7.2%	92.8%	100.0%	29.1%	70.9%	100.0%
1983	7.6%	92.4%	100.0%	31.1%	68.9%	100.0%
1984	7.1%	92.9%	100.0%	30.4%	69.6%	100.0%
1985	6.8%	93.2%	100.0%	31.7%	68.3%	100.0%
1986	6.4%	93.6%	100.0%	31.0%	69.0%	100.0%
1987	6.3%	93.7%	100.0%	28.4%	71.6%	100.0%
1988	5.5%	94.5%	100.0%	30.2%	69.8%	100.0%
1989	5.5%	94.5%	100.0%	27.8%	72.2%	100.0%
1990	4.7%	95.3%	100.0%	29.3%	70.7%	100.0%
1991	4.0%	96.0%	100.0%	28.1%	71.9%	100.0%
1992	3.9%	96.1%	100.0%	27.9%	72.1%	100.0%
1993	3.7%	96.3%	100.0%	28.5%	71.5%	100.0%
1994	3.8%	96.2%	100.0%	28.1%	71.9%	100.0%
1995	3.3%	96.7%	100.0%	26.3%	73.7%	100.0%
1996	3.4%	96.6%	100.0%	29.6%	70.4%	100.0%
1997	3.2%	96.8%	100.0%	29.5%	70.5%	100.0%
1998	4.0%	96.0%	100.0%	32.0%	68.0%	100.0%
1999	3.6%	96.4%	100.0%	32.1%	67.9%	100.0%
2000	3.7%	96.3%	100.0%	33.5%	66.5%	100.0%

Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender



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Intimate Homicide Victims by Relationship

	Spouse	Ex-Spouse	Boyfriend/ Girlfriend
1976	2,174	123	662
1977	2,017	110	603
1978	1,940	116	629
1979	1,940	146	683
1980	1,911	115	744
1981	1,946	136	768
1982	1,722	136	763
1983	1,676	128	770
1984	1,501	97	833
1985	1,581	111	811
1986	1,542	127	901
1987	1,489	96	841
1988	1,467	100	869
1989	1,326	78	913
1990	1,371	110	879
1991	1,297	82	918
1992	1,262	81	834
1993	1,232	94	964
1994	1,145	91	861
1995	1,031	60	777
1996	1,008	73	759
1997	867	72	728
1998	975	76	787
1999	839	62	743
2000	898	67	721

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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	Male			Female		
	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total	Intimate	Non-intimate or Unknown	Total
1976	1,357	12,814	14,171	1,600	2,989	4,590
1977	1,294	13,104	14,397	1,437	3,273	4,710
1978	1,202	13,693	14,895	1,482	3,160	4,642
1979	1,262	15,166	16,428	1,506	3,511	5,017
1980	1,221	16,568	17,788	1,549	3,683	5,232
1981	1,278	16,127	17,405	1,572	3,524	5,096
1982	1,141	14,761	15,902	1,481	3,613	5,093
1983	1,113	13,475	14,588	1,462	3,241	4,703
1984	989	12,922	13,910	1,442	3,298	4,741
1985	957	13,121	14,079	1,546	3,334	4,881
1986	985	14,486	15,471	1,586	3,523	5,109
1987	933	13,877	14,811	1,494	3,774	5,268
1988	854	14,560	15,414	1,582	3,656	5,238
1989	903	15,504	16,407	1,415	3,670	5,085
1990	859	17,445	18,304	1,501	3,614	5,115
1991	779	18,491	19,270	1,518	3,877	5,394
1992	722	17,792	18,513	1,455	3,762	5,217
1993	708	18,229	18,937	1,581	3,969	5,550
1994	692	17,602	18,294	1,405	3,602	5,007
1995	547	16,004	16,551	1,321	3,703	5,023
1996	515	14,636	15,152	1,324	3,146	4,470
1997	451	13,606	14,057	1,217	2,908	4,124
1998	515	12,238	12,753	1,323	2,816	4,139
1999	426	11,279	11,704	1,218	2,582	3,800
2000	440	11,326	11,766	1,247	2,470	3,717

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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Intimate Homicide Rates per 100,000 Population by Victim Race, Gender, and Relationship

	Spouse or Ex-spouse				Boyfriend/Girlfriend			
	White		Black		White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	.97	1.73	18.42	12.61	.68	1.70	12.96	10.69
1977	1.01	1.62	16.92	10.26	.72	1.53	11.68	7.83
1978	.98	1.73	14.98	11.21	.61	1.64	10.63	7.46
1979	1.11	1.73	15.88	9.74	.63	1.72	9.63	8.66
1980	.99	1.69	14.35	10.05	.72	2.33	9.62	8.01
1981	1.02	1.76	12.88	8.47	.67	1.83	8.87	8.28
1982	.84	1.76	10.80	7.07	.76	1.81	8.35	7.30
1983	.91	1.54	10.70	8.23	.63	1.84	7.49	6.84
1984	.65	1.56	8.37	5.90	.79	1.97	7.11	7.25
1985	.73	1.60	7.73	6.30	.64	2.05	7.17	6.79
1986	.70	1.53	7.72	6.75	.68	2.42	7.34	7.80
1987	.66	1.48	6.85	6.10	.64	2.16	6.97	6.09
1988	.55	1.51	6.69	6.21	.68	2.22	6.53	7.06
1989	.53	1.21	6.74	5.57	.62	2.24	6.66	6.73
1990	.54	1.39	5.77	5.84	.66	2.03	6.40	7.06
1991	.45	1.35	5.08	6.05	.69	2.01	5.62	7.16
1992	.56	1.29	4.54	6.09	.51	1.84	4.65	5.92
1993	.43	1.29	4.52	6.04	.60	2.46	4.96	6.70
1994	.46	1.39	4.75	4.13	.48	1.89	4.36	6.09
1995	.39	1.12	2.93	3.71	.36	2.28	3.70	4.98
1996	.39	1.15	2.39	4.26	.34	1.92	3.35	5.30
1997	.31	.99	2.08	3.45	.44	1.91	2.50	4.75
1998	.28	1.21	1.84	4.10	.46	1.96	4.43	4.73
1999	.27	.96	1.35	3.03	.36	2.10	3.92	3.89
2000	.26	1.07	1.36	2.79	.29	1.92	3.27	3.79

*Note: The homicide and population data are for persons ages 20-44. The number of married or divorced persons is the population base used to calculate spouse and ex-spouse rates and the number of never married or widowed persons is the population base used to calculate boyfriend/girlfriend rates.

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Intimate Homicide Victims by Weapon and Gender

	Gun		Nongun	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
1976	973	1,120	385	481
1977	911	990	383	446
1978	832	1,013	370	469
1979	913	1,071	349	435
1980	841	1,074	379	475
1981	845	1,064	433	509
1982	716	1,006	425	474
1983	702	941	411	521
1984	607	954	381	488
1985	598	1,023	359	523
1986	630	1,019	354	567
1987	561	995	373	499
1988	479	1,017	375	565
1989	517	908	386	507
1990	483	968	376	533
1991	424	944	356	574
1992	402	939	320	516
1993	414	1,042	294	539
1994	397	916	295	489
1995	315	817	233	504
1996	284	843	232	481
1997	259	757	192	460
1998	262	811	253	512
1999	228	740	198	478
2000	226	735	213	511

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Homicide trends in the U.S.**Law enforcement officers killed****The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty has declined since the early 1970's**

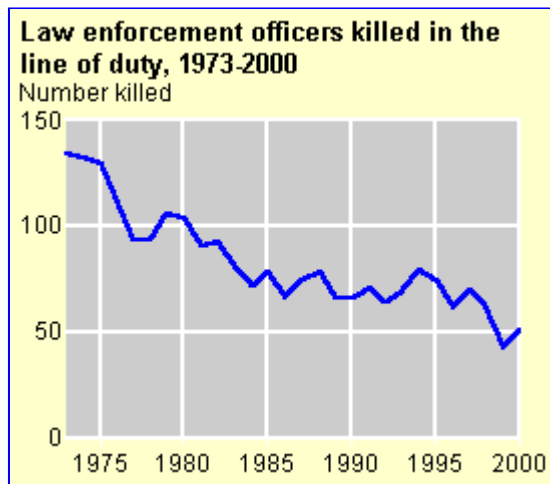
Between 1991 and 2000, of the 644 officers killed --

- 16% were on disturbance calls
- 17% were investigating suspicious persons/circumstances
- 33% were in arrest situations
- 16% were making traffic pursuits/stops
- 14% were in ambush situations
- 6% were in other situations

Of the 845 assailants identified in the killing of law enforcement officers from 1991-2000 --

- almost half had a prior conviction
- almost one-fifth were on probation or parole at the time

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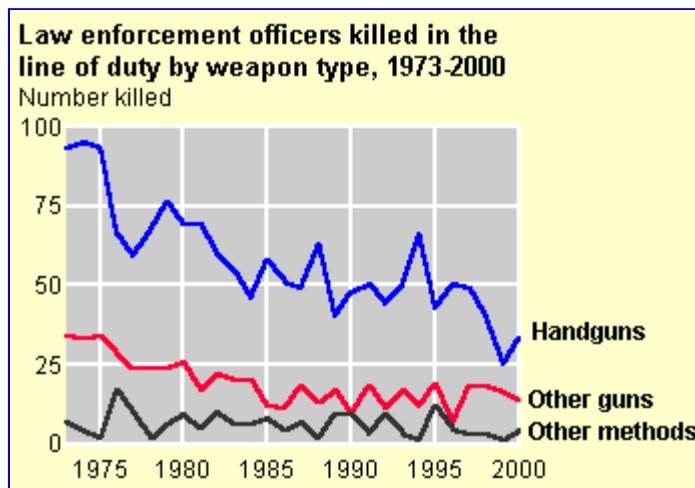


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Most law enforcement officers are killed with firearms, particularly handguns

The greatest proportion of the recent decline in such murders is attributable to the decline in handgun murders.

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Source: FBI, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1973-2000

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Law Enforcement Officers Feliciously Killed	
Year	Total killed
1973	134
1974	132
1975	129
1976	111
1977	93
1978	93
1979	106
1980	104
1981	91
1982	92
1983	80
1984	72
1985	78
1986	66
1987	74
1988	78
1989	66
1990	66
1991	71
1992	64
1993	70
1994	79
1995	74
1996	61
1997	70
1998	61
1999	42
2000	51

Source: FBI, Law Enforcement
Officers Killed and Assaulted,
1973-2000

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Law Enforcement Officers Feloniously Killed

Year	Total killed	With handguns	With other guns	Other methods
1973	134	93	34	7
1974	132	95	33	4
1975	129	93	34	2
1976	111	66	28	17
1977	93	59	24	10
1978	93	67	24	2
1979	106	76	24	6
1980	104	69	26	9
1981	91	69	17	5
1982	92	60	22	10
1983	80	54	20	6
1984	72	46	20	6
1985	78	58	12	8
1986	66	51	11	4
1987	74	49	18	7
1988	78	63	13	2
1989	66	40	17	9
1990	66	48	9	9
1991	71	50	18	3
1992	64	44	11	9
1993	70	50	17	3
1994	79	66	12	1
1995	74	43	19	12
1996	61	50	7	4
1997	70	49	18	3
1998	61	40	18	3
1999	42	25	16	1
2000	51	33	14	4

Source: FBI, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 1973-2000

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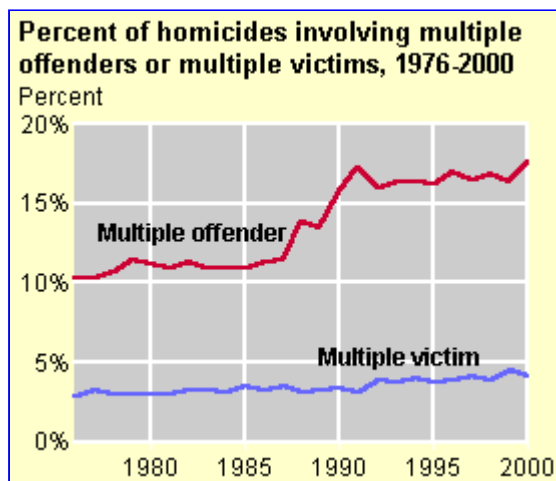
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Multiple victims and offenders

Few homicides involve multiple offenders and fewer involve multiple victims

- Homicides are more likely to involve multiple offenders than multiple victims
- The percentage of homicides involving multiple offenders rose dramatically in the late 1980's and early 1990's, increasing from 10% in 1976 to 18% in 2000
- The percentage of homicides involving multiple victims increased gradually during the last two decades from just under 3% of all homicides in 1976 to 4.1% in 2000

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Less than 1 percent of all homicide incidents are known to have both multiple victims and multiple offenders

Offenders

Victims Single Multiple Unknown

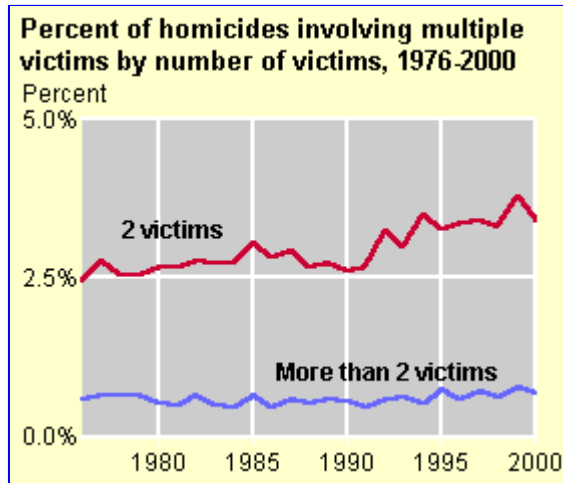
Single	58%	10%	28%
Multiple	2%	1%	1%

The proportion of homicides involving two victims has increased but the proportion involving more than two has not changed

In 2000, of all homicide incidents--

- 3% involved 2 victims
- .5% involved 3 victims
- .1% involved 4 victims
- .1% involved 5 or more victims

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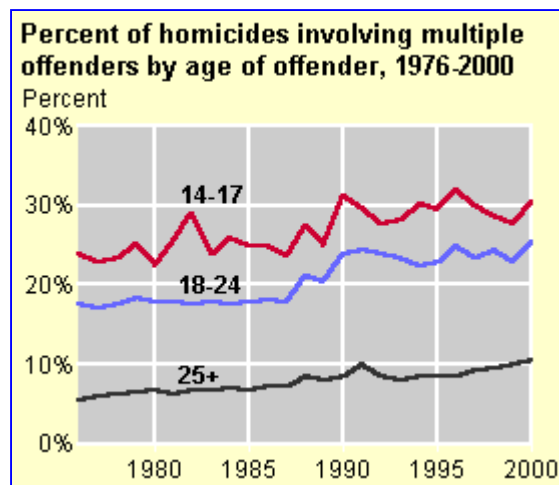
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Homicides committed by younger offenders are more likely to involve multiple offenders

In 2000 homicides involving multiple offenders represented --

- 31% of the homicides committed by offenders 14-17 years old
- 25% of the homicides committed by offenders 18-24 years old
- 11% of the homicides committed by offenders age 25 or older

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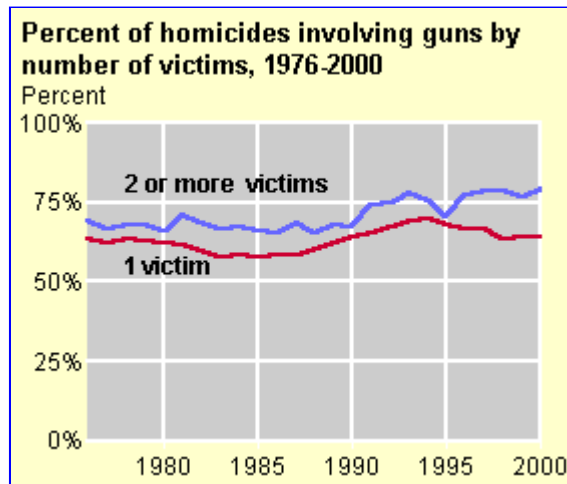


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Multiple victim homicides are more likely to involve guns than single victim homicides

Until recently, the trends in gun involvement for single and multiple victim homicides followed similar patterns. In recent years, the trends have diverged with the proportion of homicides involving guns increasing in multiple victim homicides but decreasing then stabilizing in single victim homicides.

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Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1976-2000

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Percent of Homicides with Multiple Offenders and Victims

	Offenders	Victims
1976	10.3	2.9
1977	10.3	3.3
1978	10.7	3.0
1979	11.4	3.0
1980	11.2	3.0
1981	10.9	3.0
1982	11.3	3.2
1983	10.9	3.2
1984	11.0	3.1
1985	10.9	3.5
1986	11.3	3.3
1987	11.4	3.5
1988	13.8	3.1
1989	13.4	3.3
1990	15.7	3.4
1991	17.2	3.1
1992	16.0	3.9
1993	16.3	3.7
1994	16.4	4.0
1995	16.2	3.8
1996	17.0	3.9
1997	16.5	4.1
1998	16.8	3.9
1999	16.3	4.5
2000	17.6	4.1

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Victims per Homicide Incident

	Number of Victims in Offense				
	1	2	3	4	5+
1976	96.96%	2.45%	.37%	.13%	.09%
1977	96.59%	2.76%	.43%	.18%	.05%
1978	96.79%	2.56%	.47%	.11%	.07%
1979	96.83%	2.53%	.39%	.17%	.09%
1980	96.80%	2.68%	.31%	.13%	.08%
1981	96.83%	2.68%	.33%	.08%	.08%
1982	96.58%	2.77%	.39%	.15%	.11%
1983	96.75%	2.75%	.34%	.12%	.04%
1984	96.80%	2.72%	.30%	.07%	.11%
1985	96.27%	3.06%	.52%	.08%	.07%
1986	96.70%	2.84%	.32%	.09%	.05%
1987	96.48%	2.92%	.47%	.05%	.07%
1988	96.82%	2.66%	.32%	.13%	.07%
1989	96.66%	2.73%	.42%	.15%	.04%
1990	96.81%	2.62%	.38%	.12%	.07%
1991	96.86%	2.67%	.31%	.12%	.05%
1992	96.17%	3.24%	.41%	.12%	.06%
1993	96.38%	3.00%	.43%	.13%	.05%
1994	95.99%	3.48%	.40%	.09%	.03%
1995	95.97%	3.28%	.50%	.11%	.14%
1996	96.05%	3.37%	.46%	.09%	.04%
1997	95.86%	3.41%	.53%	.12%	.07%
1998	96.06%	3.30%	.48%	.10%	.05%
1999	95.46%	3.77%	.50%	.15%	.11%
2000	95.93%	3.41%	.48%	.12%	.06%

Victims per Homicide Incident

	Number of Victims in Offense				
	1	2	3	4	5+
1976	17492	442	67	24	16

1977	17695	505	78	33	8
1978	18166	481	89	21	13
1979	19936	521	80	34	18
1980	21426	593	70	30	17
1981	20970	579	71	18	18
1982	19394	556	79	30	22
1983	17962	511	63	22	8
1984	17373	488	53	13	19
1985	17459	555	94	15	12
1986	19157	562	63	18	11
1987	18575	563	91	10	13
1988	19250	528	63	26	14
1989	19940	564	86	31	8
1990	21773	590	84	28	15
1991	23026	634	73	30	11
1992	21828	735	94	28	13
1993	22618	705	102	30	13
1994	21390	776	90	19	7
1995	19627	671	102	23	29
1996	18026	632	86	16	7
1997	16592	591	92	21	13
1998	15552	535	78	17	8
1999	14007	554	74	21	17
2000	14173	503	72	18	9

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	Percent of Homicides with Multiple Offenders by Offender Age		
	Offender Age		
	14-17	18-24	25+
1976	24.0	17.6	5.6
1977	23.0	17.1	6.0
1978	23.3	17.5	6.2
1979	25.1	18.4	6.6
1980	22.4	17.8	6.8
1981	25.5	17.9	6.3
1982	29.0	17.7	6.8
1983	23.9	17.9	6.7
1984	25.8	17.7	7.0
1985	24.8	17.8	6.8
1986	24.8	18.0	7.2
1987	23.7	17.8	7.3
1988	27.3	21.2	8.4
1989	24.9	20.4	7.9
1990	31.1	24.0	8.6
1991	29.6	24.5	10.0
1992	27.7	23.8	8.6
1993	28.2	23.4	8.1
1994	30.3	22.3	8.5
1995	29.4	22.9	8.5
1996	31.9	24.9	8.6
1997	29.9	23.4	9.2
1998	28.8	24.5	9.6
1999	27.6	23.0	10.0
2000	30.5	25.4	10.6

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Percent of Homicides by Victim Count and Gun Involvement

	One Victim		Multiple Victims	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	63.4%	36.6%	68.9%	31.1%
1977	62.2%	37.8%	66.4%	33.6%
1978	63.3%	36.7%	67.9%	32.1%
1979	63.0%	37.0%	67.8%	32.2%
1980	62.2%	37.8%	65.9%	34.1%
1981	61.8%	38.2%	71.2%	28.8%
1982	59.5%	40.5%	68.4%	31.6%
1983	57.7%	42.3%	66.9%	33.1%
1984	58.3%	41.7%	67.6%	32.4%
1985	58.0%	42.0%	66.1%	33.9%
1986	58.6%	41.4%	65.4%	34.6%
1987	58.3%	41.7%	68.7%	31.3%
1988	60.3%	39.7%	65.2%	34.8%
1989	62.0%	38.0%	67.9%	32.1%
1990	64.1%	35.9%	67.4%	32.6%
1991	65.7%	34.3%	74.2%	25.8%
1992	67.6%	32.4%	74.9%	25.1%
1993	68.9%	31.1%	77.9%	22.1%
1994	69.5%	30.5%	75.7%	24.3%
1995	68.0%	32.0%	70.2%	29.8%
1996	66.6%	33.4%	77.3%	22.7%
1997	66.7%	33.3%	78.8%	21.2%
1998	63.6%	36.4%	78.6%	21.4%
1999	64.0%	36.0%	76.5%	23.5%
2000	64.2%	35.8%	79.0%	21.0%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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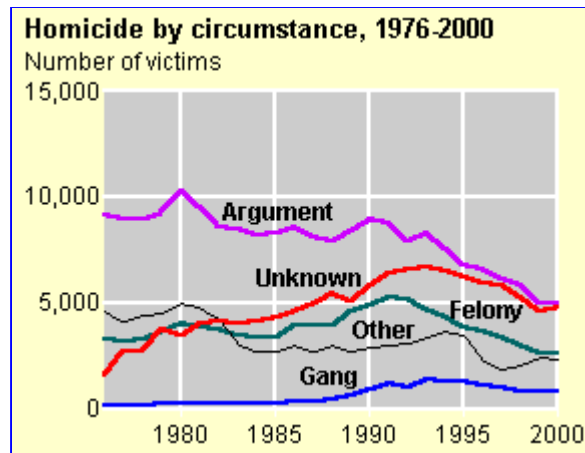
Homicide circumstances

The mix of circumstances surrounding homicides has changed over the last two decades

The number of homicides --

- in which the circumstances were unknown has tripled since 1976
- resulting from arguments has declined but remains the most frequently cited circumstance
- that occurred during the commission of another felony like a robbery or burglary has declined since 1991
- involving adult or juvenile gang violence has increased more than six fold since 1976

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Note: Arguments include brawls due to the influence of narcotics or alcohol, disagreements about money or property and other arguments. Felony types include homicides committed during a rape, robbery, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and violations of prostitution and commercial vice laws, other sex offenses, narcotic drug laws, and gambling laws. Gang homicides include gangland killings and juvenile gang killings.

The proportion of homicides involving guns differs by circumstance

Gun involvement --

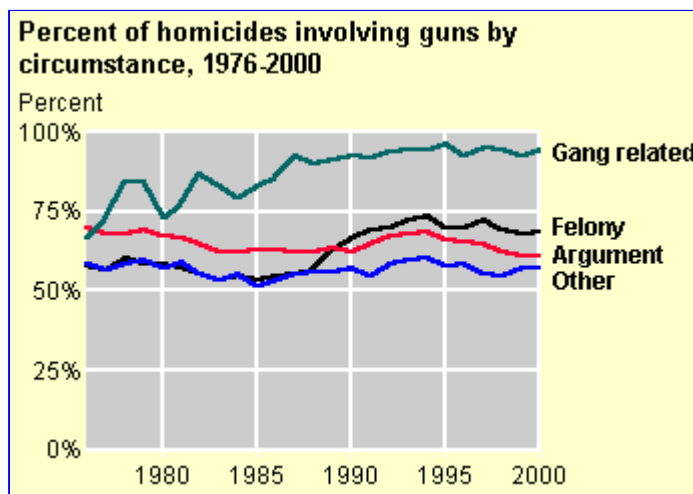
- in gang related homicides increased after 1980
- in homicides that occurred during the commission of a felony increased

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- dramatically after 1985
- in homicides resulting from arguments declined to the lowest levels recorded recently
- in homicides resulting from other circumstances remained relatively constant from 1976 to 2000

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Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Victims by Circumstance

	Felony	Argument	Gang	Other	Unknown
1976	3327	9106	129	4630	1588
1977	3189	8929	180	4112	2709
1978	3262	8950	194	4447	2706
1979	3623	9237	264	4534	3803
1980	4070	10299	221	4963	3486
1981	3882	9519	280	4835	4005
1982	3721	8612	238	4322	4116
1983	3478	8470	260	3058	4045
1984	3382	8211	223	2708	4166
1985	3389	8285	288	2689	4330
1986	3992	8602	357	3015	4644
1987	3935	8087	395	2678	5005
1988	3932	7872	428	3010	5437
1989	4593	8433	678	2709	5086
1990	4867	8988	905	2867	5812
1991	5283	8806	1192	3027	6393
1992	5143	7950	994	3110	6563
1993	4721	8309	1362	3403	6735
1994	4303	7529	1340	3622	6536
1995	3810	6756	1338	3450	6256
1996	3688	6621	1091	2330	5919
1997	3413	6103	999	1888	5807
1998	2998	5845	834	2048	5245
1999	2642	4993	837	2455	4594
2000	2614	4966	842	2321	4774

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Percent Gun Use by Circumstance Type

	Felony		Argument		Gang		Other		Unknown	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	58.1%	41.9%	69.8%	30.2%	66.7%	33.3%	58.5%	41.5%	56.5%	43.5%
1977	56.6%	43.4%	68.0%	32.0%	72.4%	27.6%	56.5%	43.5%	60.0%	40.0%
1978	60.4%	39.6%	68.2%	31.8%	83.9%	16.1%	58.2%	41.8%	60.0%	40.0%
1979	58.6%	41.4%	68.9%	31.1%	84.6%	15.4%	59.8%	40.2%	56.9%	43.1%
1980	58.6%	41.4%	67.4%	32.6%	72.9%	27.1%	57.5%	42.5%	58.6%	41.4%
1981	57.2%	42.8%	66.9%	33.1%	77.1%	22.9%	59.4%	40.6%	59.6%	40.4%
1982	55.1%	44.9%	65.1%	34.9%	86.9%	13.1%	55.3%	44.7%	58.1%	41.9%
1983	53.7%	46.3%	62.1%	37.9%	82.9%	17.1%	53.2%	46.8%	56.7%	43.3%
1984	54.9%	45.1%	62.3%	37.7%	79.1%	20.9%	55.1%	44.9%	57.1%	42.9%
1985	53.7%	46.3%	62.8%	37.2%	83.1%	16.9%	51.4%	48.6%	57.6%	42.4%
1986	54.7%	45.3%	62.8%	37.2%	85.3%	14.7%	53.6%	46.4%	57.6%	42.4%
1987	55.2%	44.8%	62.4%	37.6%	92.4%	7.6%	55.0%	45.0%	56.3%	43.7%
1988	56.7%	43.3%	62.0%	38.0%	90.1%	9.9%	56.1%	43.9%	61.6%	38.4%
1989	62.6%	37.4%	63.3%	36.7%	91.5%	8.5%	55.8%	44.2%	60.4%	39.6%
1990	66.5%	33.5%	62.3%	37.7%	92.3%	7.7%	56.9%	43.1%	64.7%	35.3%
1991	68.9%	31.1%	64.8%	35.2%	91.8%	8.2%	54.7%	45.3%	67.0%	33.0%
1992	69.6%	30.4%	67.1%	32.9%	94.0%	6.0%	58.8%	41.2%	68.9%	31.1%
1993	72.2%	27.8%	68.1%	31.9%	94.6%	5.4%	60.0%	40.0%	69.4%	30.6%
1994	73.8%	26.2%	68.8%	31.2%	94.2%	5.8%	60.5%	39.5%	69.3%	30.7%
1995	69.9%	30.1%	65.9%	34.1%	96.4%	3.6%	58.0%	42.0%	69.3%	30.7%
1996	70.1%	29.9%	65.5%	34.5%	92.8%	7.2%	58.3%	41.7%	67.1%	32.9%
1997	72.3%	27.7%	65.0%	35.0%	95.1%	4.9%	55.4%	44.6%	67.2%	32.8%
1998	68.9%	31.1%	62.4%	37.6%	94.3%	5.7%	54.5%	45.5%	64.7%	35.3%
1999	68.2%	31.8%	61.3%	38.7%	92.2%	7.8%	57.5%	42.5%	66.8%	33.2%
2000	68.8%	31.2%	60.7%	39.3%	94.2%	5.8%	57.4%	42.6%	67.5%	32.5%

Trends in Weapon and Circumstance Type

Felony		Argument		Gang		Other		Unknown	
Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun

1976	1934	1393	6354	2752	86	43	2709	1922	897	691
1977	1807	1383	6069	2860	130	50	2323	1789	1624	1085
1978	1969	1293	6103	2847	163	31	2590	1857	1623	1083
1979	2122	1501	6369	2868	223	41	2712	1822	2165	1638
1980	2385	1685	6946	3354	161	60	2853	2110	2042	1444
1981	2222	1660	6370	3149	216	64	2870	1964	2385	1619
1982	2049	1673	5602	3010	207	31	2389	1934	2393	1723
1983	1868	1610	5263	3207	215	44	1628	1430	2294	1751
1984	1855	1527	5115	3096	177	47	1491	1217	2380	1786
1985	1820	1569	5204	3081	239	49	1382	1307	2493	1837
1986	2182	1810	5403	3199	305	52	1617	1398	2674	1970
1987	2173	1762	5044	3042	365	30	1473	1205	2820	2185
1988	2230	1702	4881	2991	385	43	1689	1321	3351	2086
1989	2876	1718	5342	3091	621	58	1511	1198	3072	2014
1990	3236	1630	5604	3384	836	69	1633	1235	3762	2050
1991	3638	1644	5709	3097	1094	98	1657	1370	4280	2113
1992	3581	1562	5336	2614	934	60	1827	1282	4522	2042
1993	3410	1311	5661	2649	1288	74	2043	1360	4674	2060
1994	3175	1128	5178	2352	1262	77	2191	1431	4530	2006
1995	2663	1147	4450	2305	1289	48	2002	1449	4335	1921
1996	2584	1104	4337	2284	1012	79	1358	972	3971	1948
1997	2468	945	3969	2134	950	49	1046	842	3904	1903
1998	2066	932	3649	2196	786	48	1117	932	3394	1851
1999	1801	841	3061	1931	772	66	1413	1043	3070	1525
2000	1798	816	3014	1952	793	49	1332	989	3221	1553

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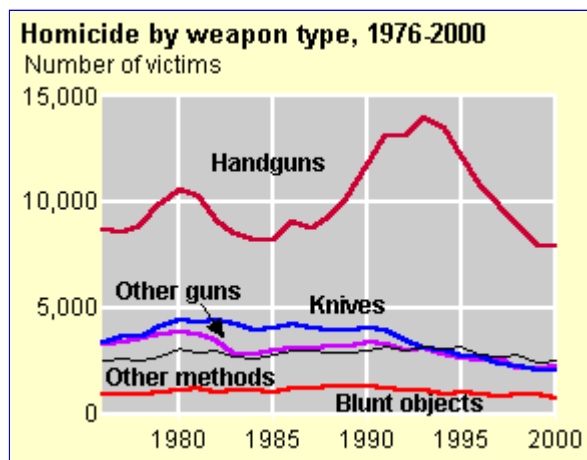
Weapons used

Homicides are most often committed with guns, especially handguns

Like the homicide rate generally, gun-involved incidents increased sharply in the late 1980's before falling recently

During this same time period, homicides involving all other weapons have declined slowly.

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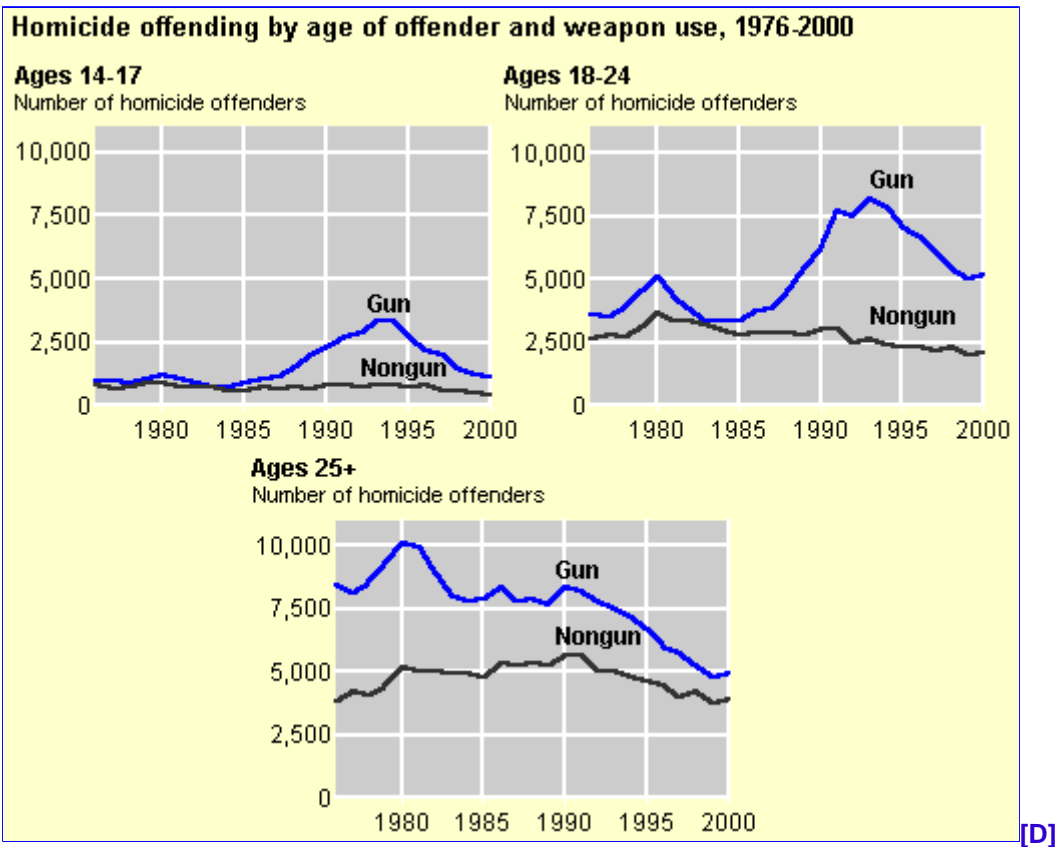


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Gun homicides by teens and young adults rose sharply beginning with the mid-1980's and fell after 1993

- The trend in nongun homicides shows little change, declining or fluctuating slightly for all age groups
- Gun homicides by adults 25 and older reflect a general downward trend
- The sharp increase in homicides in the late 1980's and much of the subsequent decline is attributable to gun violence by juveniles and young adults

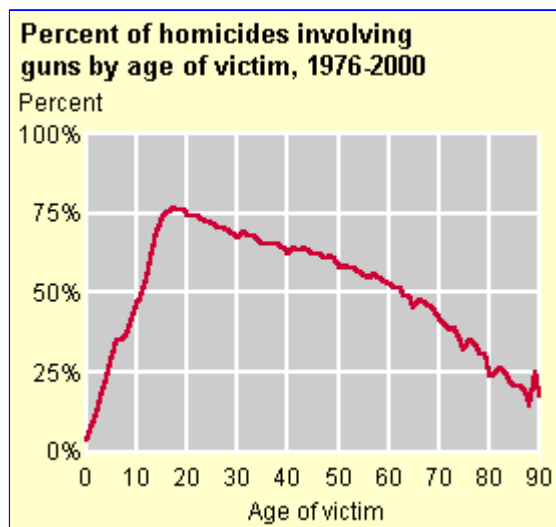
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Homicides of teens and young adults are much more likely to be committed with a gun than homicides of persons of other ages

The percentage of homicide victims killed with a gun increases with age up to age 17 and declines thereafter

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Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicides by Weapon and Age of Offender

	Under 14		14-17		18-24		25+	
	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun	Gun	Nongun
1976	53	50	965	809	3,586	2,658	8,413	3,817
1977	49	51	991	669	3,489	2,776	8,144	4,219
1978	77	43	885	760	3,931	2,699	8,513	4,075
1979	49	49	1,032	862	4,506	3,072	9,232	4,383
1980	59	53	1,185	898	5,085	3,620	10,131	5,169
1981	45	32	1,034	759	4,321	3,353	9,911	5,020
1982	42	56	863	753	3,820	3,359	8,927	5,061
1983	35	43	746	690	3,363	3,149	8,051	4,930
1984	35	37	711	555	3,335	2,933	7,805	4,925
1985	54	39	855	581	3,374	2,788	7,864	4,816
1986	60	34	1,004	713	3,752	2,882	8,376	5,357
1987	53	58	1,118	675	3,846	2,850	7,802	5,301
1988	54	47	1,507	733	4,477	2,849	7,858	5,308
1989	86	43	1,963	631	5,309	2,745	7,658	5,269
1990	58	45	2,325	817	6,181	3,007	8,397	5,634
1991	95	37	2,737	839	7,676	3,058	8,165	5,662
1992	91	49	2,869	727	7,492	2,472	7,792	5,056
1993	115	43	3,371	801	8,171	2,627	7,500	5,009
1994	131	49	3,337	778	7,824	2,403	7,147	4,820
1995	98	40	2,692	741	7,049	2,269	6,657	4,643
1996	60	37	2,135	779	6,656	2,273	5,998	4,475
1997	44	48	1,985	563	6,048	2,127	5,767	4,020
1998	54	45	1,441	571	5,391	2,319	5,282	4,217
1999	47	45	1,179	507	4,988	2,023	4,816	3,797
2000	36	33	1,084	408	5,162	2,052	4,976	3,912

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Percent of Homicides Involving Guns by Victim Age

Age of Victim	Gun	Nongun
0	3.9%	96.1%
1	7.7%	92.3%
2	11.9%	88.1%
3	17.1%	82.9%
4	22.9%	77.1%
5	27.9%	72.1%
6	34.9%	65.1%
7	35.1%	64.9%
8	37.0%	63.0%
9	40.0%	60.0%
10	46.3%	53.7%
11	48.5%	51.5%
12	54.7%	45.3%
13	61.2%	38.8%
14	69.1%	30.9%
15	73.4%	26.6%
16	75.8%	24.2%
17	76.8%	23.2%
18	76.3%	23.7%
19	76.2%	23.8%
20	74.2%	25.8%
21	74.3%	25.7%
22	74.0%	26.0%
23	72.7%	27.3%
24	72.3%	27.7%
25	71.7%	28.3%
26	70.7%	29.3%
27	70.5%	29.5%
28	70.1%	29.9%
29	68.7%	31.3%
30	67.3%	32.7%
31	68.9%	31.1%

32	68.1%	31.9%
33	67.8%	32.2%
34	66.5%	33.5%
35	65.2%	34.8%
36	65.3%	34.7%
37	65.4%	34.6%
38	65.3%	34.7%
39	64.4%	35.6%
40	62.5%	37.5%
41	63.9%	36.1%
42	63.5%	36.5%
43	63.9%	36.1%
44	63.2%	36.8%
45	62.2%	37.8%
46	62.5%	37.5%
47	61.1%	38.9%
48	61.4%	38.6%
49	61.2%	38.8%
50	58.0%	42.0%
51	58.3%	41.7%
52	58.0%	42.0%
53	57.7%	42.3%
54	56.7%	43.3%
55	55.5%	44.5%
56	54.8%	45.2%
57	56.2%	43.8%
58	54.4%	45.6%
59	53.4%	46.6%
60	52.6%	47.4%
61	51.6%	48.4%
62	51.3%	48.7%
63	49.3%	50.7%
64	48.8%	51.2%
65	45.2%	54.8%
66	48.0%	52.0%
67	47.3%	52.7%
68	45.9%	54.1%
69	44.6%	55.4%
70	41.5%	58.5%
71	40.4%	59.6%
72	38.6%	61.4%
73	38.7%	61.3%
74	35.2%	64.8%
75	31.9%	68.1%

76	35.1%	64.9%
77	33.2%	66.8%
78	30.7%	69.3%
79	30.5%	69.5%
80	24.0%	76.0%
81	25.1%	74.9%
82	26.2%	73.8%
83	24.7%	75.3%
84	22.0%	78.0%
85	20.6%	79.4%
86	20.9%	79.1%
87	18.5%	81.5%
88	14.3%	85.7%
89	24.9%	75.1%
90	17.4%	82.6%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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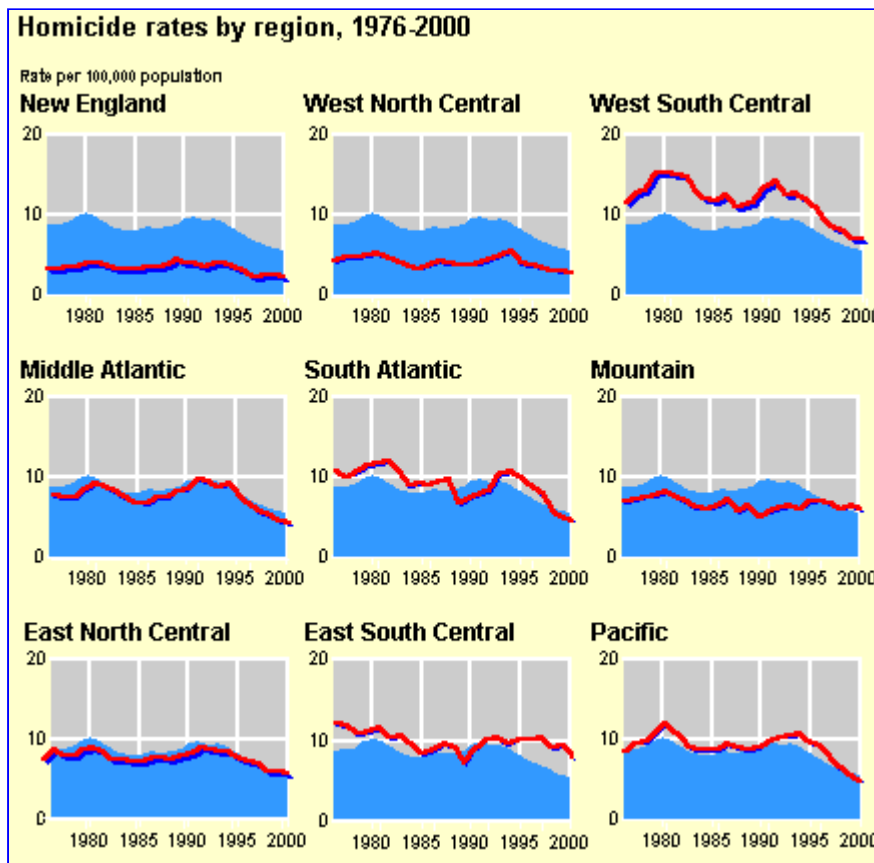
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Homicide trends in the U.S. Regional trends

The southern regions historically have had higher homicide rates than other regions

- Rates of murder, and especially those involving guns, are higher in southern regions of the United States--in the **East South Central** and the **West South Central** regions
- For over 20 years, the rates in the **Pacific** region were above average; in 1998 they fell below the national norm
- About average rates are also found in other urbanized regions, specifically the **Middle Atlantic** and **East North Central** regions
- Relatively low rates exist in the **New England**, **Mountain**, and **West North Central** regions

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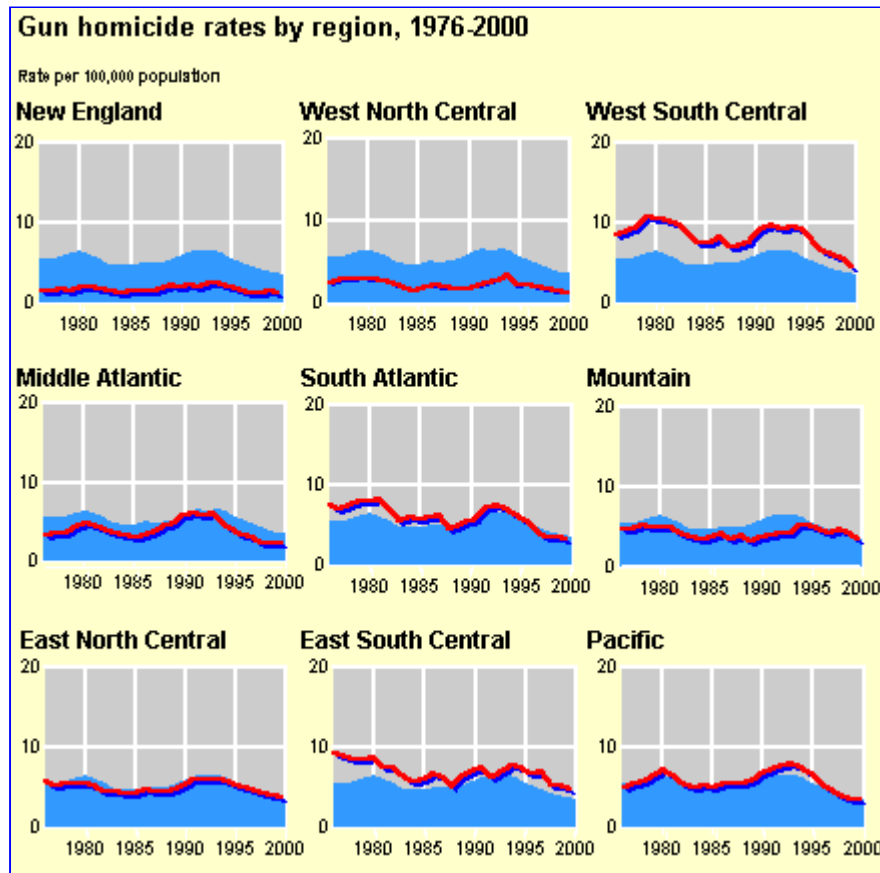


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Trends in gun homicides follow patterns similar to those for all homicides

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In many regions, trends in firearms-related homicide offending rates for teens differ from the general homicide offending pattern

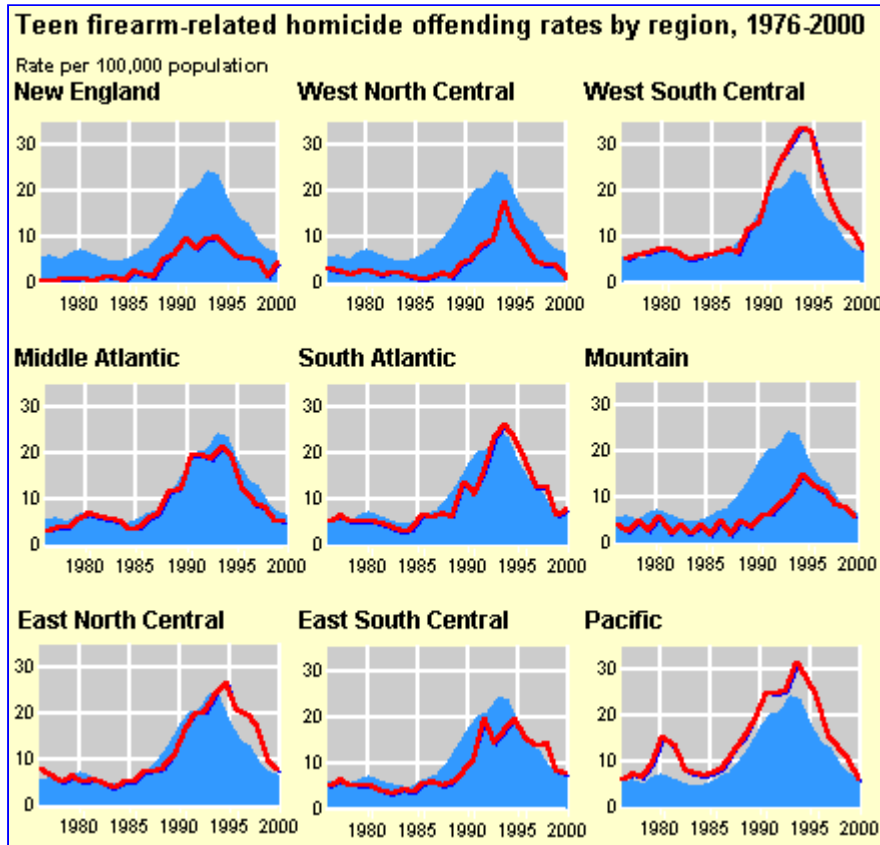
For all regions, teen firearms-related homicide offending rates climbed in the late 1980's and have subsequently fallen. However, the upswing and subsequent downturn occurred at different times in different regions.

Teen offending rates started their steep ascents --

- around 1985 in the Middle Atlantic and Pacific regions
- in 1987 in the New England, East South Central, and West South Central regions
- in 1988 in the East North Central, West North Central and South Atlantic regions
- in 1990 in the Mountain region

While these offending rates peaked in all regions in 1993 or 1994, they have not declined to levels experienced before the upsurge.

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States in the regions listed above:

Region	States
New England	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Middle Atlantic	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
East North Central	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
West North Central	Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
South Atlantic	Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
East South Central	Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee
West South Central	Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
Mountain	Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

Pacific

Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington

State-by-State data on **Homicide Trends and Characteristics** are available from **Data Online**.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Region

	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	3.2	8.2	8.5	4.6	10.9	12.2	11.3	7.1	8.9	8.7
1977	3.3	8.0	7.8	5.1	10.3	11.9	12.6	7.4	9.9	8.8
1978	3.6	8.0	7.9	5.1	10.9	10.9	13.2	7.8	10.1	9.0
1979	3.5	9.0	8.5	5.4	11.7	11.1	15.1	7.9	11.0	9.8
1980	3.9	9.6	8.8	5.6	11.9	11.6	15.2	8.5	12.3	10.2
1981	4.1	9.3	8.2	5.2	12.2	10.5	14.8	7.8	11.0	9.8
1982	3.8	8.6	7.3	4.8	10.9	10.7	14.7	7.1	9.7	9.1
1983	3.3	7.9	7.3	4.3	9.1	9.6	12.8	6.5	9.1	8.3
1984	3.2	7.3	7.0	3.8	9.4	8.5	11.9	6.3	9.1	7.9
1985	3.3	7.1	7.1	4.2	9.3	9.0	11.6	6.6	9.1	8.0
1986	3.5	7.9	7.5	4.7	9.8	9.6	12.4	7.4	9.8	8.5
1987	3.4	8.0	7.6	4.5	10.0	9.1	10.8	5.9	9.3	8.3
1988	3.8	8.8	7.4	4.3	7.0	7.2	11.2	6.6	9.1	8.4
1989	4.4	9.0	7.7	4.3	7.7	9.1	11.6	5.3	9.3	8.7
1990	4.0	10.2	8.1	4.4	8.2	10.3	13.5	6.0	10.2	9.4
1991	4.0	9.9	8.8	5.0	8.6	10.4	14.2	6.5	10.7	9.8
1992	3.4	9.3	8.6	5.4	10.6	9.7	12.5	6.6	10.8	9.3
1993	4.1	9.6	8.3	5.9	10.9	10.3	12.7	6.3	11.1	9.5
1994	3.9	8.2	8.4	4.4	10.1	10.3	12.0	7.2	10.1	9.0
1995	3.5	7.1	7.6	4.2	9.1	10.4	10.8	7.3	9.5	8.2
1996	3.0	6.2	7.0	3.9	8.1	9.2	9.3	7.0	7.8	7.4
1997	2.3	5.6	6.9	3.6	6.0	9.4	8.5	6.3	6.8	6.8
1998	2.6	4.9	5.9	3.4	5.3	8.0	7.8	6.6	5.8	6.3
1999	2.5	4.6	5.9	3.3	4.8	7.0	6.9	6.1	5.2	5.7
2000	2.3	4.7	5.5	4.1	4.6	7.0	6.9	4.9	5.1	5.5

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Gun Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population by Region

	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	1.6	4.0	5.7	2.9	7.5	9.2	8.3	4.3	4.8	5.6
1977	1.5	4.1	5.1	3.4	6.9	8.9	8.8	4.3	5.5	5.5
1978	1.8	4.2	5.3	3.5	7.3	8.3	9.4	4.9	5.7	5.7
1979	1.5	4.8	5.5	3.6	7.9	8.4	10.7	4.6	6.4	6.2
1980	1.9	5.3	5.5	3.5	7.9	8.6	10.4	4.7	7.2	6.4
1981	1.9	5.1	5.2	3.3	8.1	7.5	10.2	4.7	6.3	6.1
1982	1.7	4.6	4.4	2.9	7.0	7.5	9.7	3.8	5.4	5.5
1983	1.5	4.1	4.4	2.4	5.5	6.4	8.5	3.4	4.9	4.8
1984	1.3	3.9	4.2	2.1	5.9	5.7	7.5	3.1	5.1	4.7
1985	1.5	3.7	4.2	2.6	5.7	5.9	7.4	3.5	5.0	4.7
1986	1.6	4.0	4.6	2.7	6.0	6.7	8.1	3.9	5.4	5.1
1987	1.6	4.5	4.4	2.5	6.2	6.2	6.8	3.1	5.3	4.9
1988	1.8	5.1	4.4	2.3	4.5	4.8	7.2	3.7	5.4	5.1
1989	2.3	5.5	4.6	2.3	5.0	6.3	7.7	2.8	5.9	5.4
1990	2.1	6.3	5.2	2.6	5.3	7.0	9.1	3.5	6.6	6.1
1991	2.2	6.6	5.9	3.0	5.7	7.4	9.7	3.7	7.2	6.5
1992	1.9	6.5	5.8	3.3	7.2	6.2	9.1	3.9	7.6	6.4
1993	2.4	6.7	5.9	3.9	7.4	7.0	9.3	3.9	7.9	6.6
1994	2.6	5.4	5.9	2.7	6.8	7.6	9.1	4.8	7.4	6.3
1995	2.1	4.7	5.3	2.8	6.1	7.3	7.3	4.9	6.7	5.6
1996	1.7	4.0	4.9	2.5	5.4	6.6	6.4	4.4	5.3	5.0
1997	1.3	3.6	4.7	2.2	4.2	6.8	5.9	3.9	4.7	4.6
1998	1.3	2.9	4.1	2.0	3.4	5.1	5.3	4.3	3.8	4.1
1999	1.5	2.8	4.0	1.8	3.3	5.2	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.7
2000	1.3	3.0	3.6	2.5	3.1	4.6	4.5	3.1	3.4	3.6

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Teen Gun Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population by Region

	NE	MA	ENC	WNC	SA	ESC	WSC	MT	PA	US Total
1976	.9	4.1	8.6	3.8	5.8	5.2	5.3	4.4	6.9	5.8
1977	1.1	4.7	7.5	3.3	6.8	6.4	6.6	3.0	8.0	6.0
1978	1.3	4.7	6.1	2.8	5.7	5.4	6.7	5.2	7.0	5.4
1979	1.4	6.6	7.3	3.6	5.6	5.1	7.6	2.9	10.3	6.4
1980	1.6	7.8	6.1	3.6	5.7	5.2	7.9	6.0	15.7	7.4
1981	1.2	6.8	6.5	2.6	5.1	4.1	7.0	2.6	14.2	6.5
1982	2.1	6.4	5.8	3.2	4.4	3.3	5.5	4.3	9.1	5.5
1983	1.7	6.1	4.8	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.9	2.4	8.0	4.9
1984	1.2	4.5	6.0	2.0	3.8	3.8	6.6	4.4	7.4	4.8
1985	3.1	4.8	6.0	1.7	6.9	5.7	7.0	2.1	8.4	5.8
1986	2.2	6.8	8.1	2.1	6.7	6.3	7.9	5.2	9.6	6.9
1987	1.9	8.2	8.4	3.2	7.5	5.0	6.7	2.1	13.0	7.7
1988	5.9	12.7	9.0	2.2	6.7	5.9	12.3	5.1	15.7	10.4
1989	7.3	13.2	12.1	5.2	14.0	8.4	14.3	3.7	20.2	13.7
1990	10.4	20.4	17.3	6.3	11.5	11.0	22.4	6.6	25.7	17.5
1991	8.1	20.4	21.1	9.2	16.3	19.5	27.0	6.8	25.6	20.4
1992	10.1	19.7	21.2	10.6	23.6	14.2	31.1	9.4	26.3	21.0
1993	10.6	22.1	25.3	18.2	26.5	17.0	34.7	11.4	31.9	24.4
1994	8.6	20.0	27.6	12.2	23.7	19.7	34.4	15.4	28.4	23.7
1995	6.3	13.2	21.8	9.3	19.1	15.8	26.0	12.9	24.5	18.5
1996	6.0	9.8	20.7	5.8	13.1	14.1	18.6	11.6	15.8	14.3
1997	5.6	9.2	17.4	4.8	13.0	14.3	14.2	8.9	13.2	13.0
1998	1.9	6.3	10.3	4.8	6.8	8.2	12.2	8.4	10.5	9.3
1999	4.8	6.1	8.5	1.8	8.3	7.8	7.7	6.3	6.6	7.6
2000	1.8	4.7	8.4	4.9	6.1	4.9	7.9	4.2	7.4	6.7

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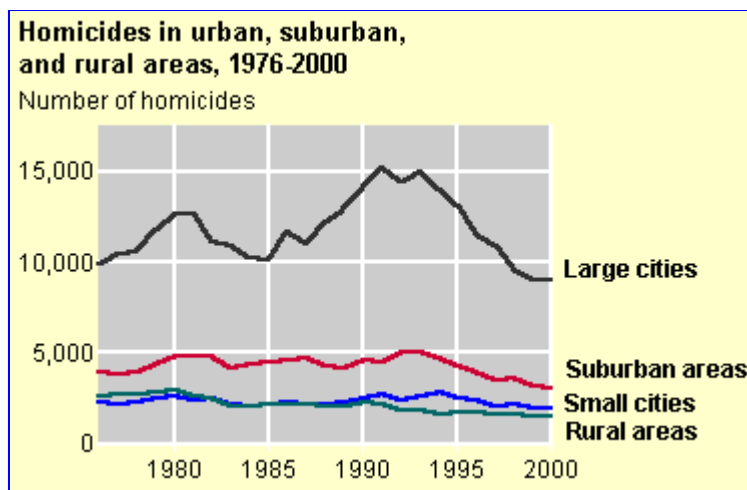
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Homicide trends in the U.S.**Trends by city size****Changes in homicide trends have been driven by changes in the number of homicides in large American cities**

From 1976-2000 --

- Over half of the homicides occurred in cities with a population of 100,000 or more
- Almost one quarter of the homicides occurred in cities with a population of over 1 million

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Note: Large cities have a population of 100,000 or more while small cities have a population of less than 100,000.

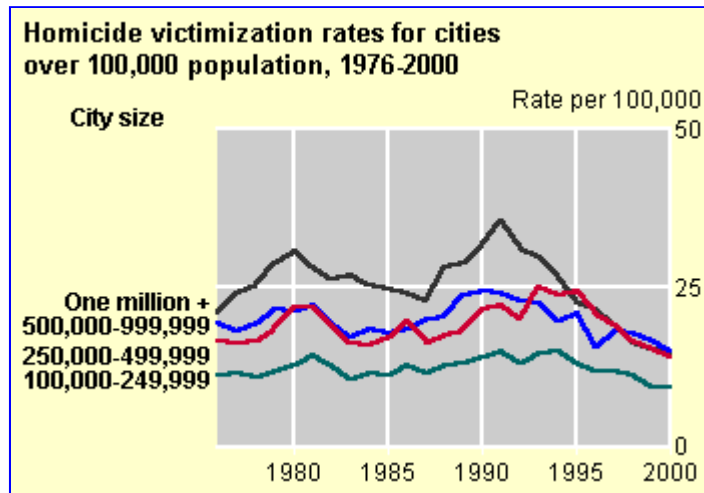
Until recently, homicide rates for large American cities varied by size

The homicide victimization rates of cities with a population of --

- one million or more have plummeted to the lowest level in the past two decades
- 100,000 to 249,000 are the lowest rates among large cities

In the late 1990s, the rates of homicide for cities in all groups of more than 250,000 population were about the same.

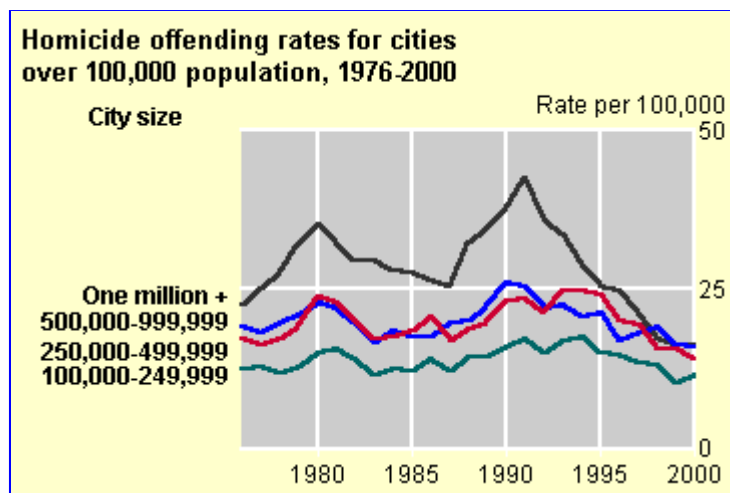
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The homicide offending rates of cities are similar to their victimization rates

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Certain homicide types vary by size of place

For the years 1976-2000 combined -

- Large cities are much more commonly the site of drug-related and gang-related killings and relatively less likely to be the location of family-related and work-related homicides.

Homicide Type by Urbanicity, 1976-2000

Percent of all homicides

Large city Small city Suburban Rural

All homicides	57.3%	11.4%	20.9%	10.5%
Victim/offender relationship				
Intimate	41.1%	14.4%	27.5%	16.9%
Family	39.1%	13.0%	28.6%	19.3%
Infanticide	48.1%	14.8%	25.4%	11.6%
Eldercide	47.9%	13.3%	23.5%	15.2%
Circumstance				
Felony murder	61.5%	10.9%	19.9%	7.6%
Sex related	48.4%	12.1%	27.3%	12.2%
Drug related	68.3%	9.5%	18.0%	4.2%
Gang related	69.2%	13.0%	17.0%	.8%
Argument	53.5%	12.6%	20.8%	13.2%
Workplace	32.5%	13.5%	36.8%	17.2%
Weapon				
Gun homicide	58.9%	10.4%	19.8%	10.8%
Arson	55.3%	12.8%	21.7%	10.1%
Poison	40.2%	14.1%	28.7%	16.9%
Multiple victims or offenders				
Multiple victims	47.3%	11.6%	27.2%	13.9%
Multiple offenders	62.5%	9.8%	18.8%	9.0%

The proportion of homicides that are intimate homicides differs by type of area

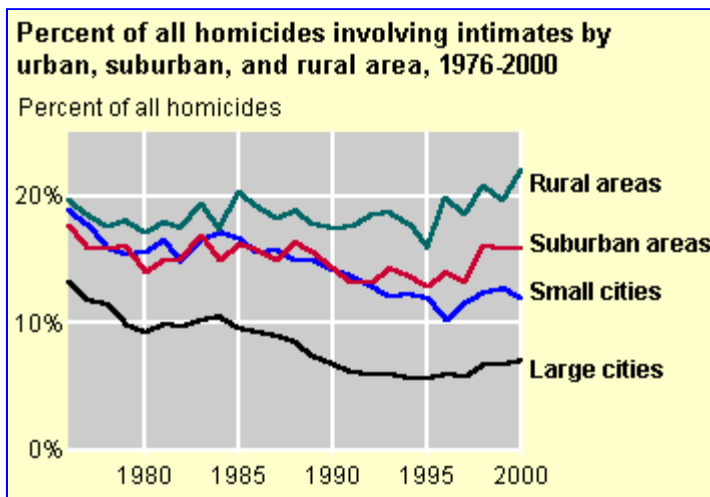
The greatest decline in intimate murders occurred in large cities.

From 1976 to 2000, the number of intimate murders --

- in large cities fell by more than half, while nonintimate murders increased in the late 1980's and 1990's but fell after 1993
- in small cities dropped by over 46%, although nonintimate homicides showed little change
- in rural areas dropped by 36%, less than the 44% drop in nonintimate homicides
- in suburban areas declined by 31%, exceeding the 22% drop in nonintimate homicides

Intimate homicides made up a larger proportion of murders in rural areas than in suburban or urban areas

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Note: Large cities have a population of 100,000 or more while small cities have a population of less than 100,000.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000

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Homicides by Location Type

	Large city	Small city	Suburban	Rural
1976	9,860	2,297	3,954	2,669
1977	10,398	2,203	3,836	2,683
1978	10,563	2,341	3,963	2,692
1979	11,825	2,469	4,362	2,805
1980	12,605	2,609	4,845	2,982
1981	12,615	2,413	4,866	2,626
1982	11,118	2,490	4,847	2,555
1983	10,856	2,148	4,189	2,117
1984	10,187	2,042	4,350	2,110
1985	10,160	2,141	4,480	2,198
1986	11,622	2,252	4,610	2,127
1987	11,021	2,208	4,725	2,146
1988	12,191	2,213	4,221	2,055
1989	12,913	2,300	4,214	2,073
1990	14,078	2,478	4,597	2,287
1991	15,247	2,748	4,533	2,172
1992	14,402	2,437	5,025	1,896
1993	14,989	2,632	5,030	1,879
1994	14,008	2,882	4,762	1,678
1995	13,047	2,498	4,290	1,775
1996	11,574	2,369	3,941	1,767
1997	10,849	2,123	3,556	1,682
1998	9,594	2,134	3,638	1,604
1999	8,967	1,904	3,173	1,478
2000	9,008	1,966	3,017	1,527

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Homicide Victimization Rates per 100,000 Population for Cities over 100,000 by Population Group

	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	20.9	19.5	16.5	11.3
1977	24.1	18.1	16.4	11.6
1978	25.4	19.4	16.7	11.0
1979	28.8	21.7	18.6	12.0
1980	30.9	21.3	22.1	13.0
1981	28.2	22.2	22.0	14.3
1982	26.5	19.4	19.1	12.8
1983	27.0	17.2	16.3	10.7
1984	25.5	18.5	16.1	11.7
1985	24.8	17.9	17.2	11.4
1986	24.1	18.4	19.8	12.7
1987	22.9	20.1	16.3	11.7
1988	28.2	20.3	17.7	12.7
1989	28.8	23.8	18.3	13.2
1990	31.9	24.6	21.7	14.1
1991	35.5	24.1	22.4	14.9
1992	31.1	22.9	20.1	13.2
1993	29.9	22.5	25.1	14.6
1994	26.3	19.7	24.0	15.0
1995	22.5	21.1	24.4	13.2
1996	21.6	15.7	21.1	11.9
1997	19.3	18.1	19.1	12.0
1998	16.2	17.8	16.6	11.2
1999	15.5	16.6	15.3	9.5
2000	14.7	14.9	14.0	9.5

Homicide Victimization Rates for Cities over 100,000

Population by Population Group

One Million

	and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	3,792	2,415	1,959	1,694
1977	4,382	2,327	1,820	1,868
1978	4,526	2,296	1,957	1,784
1979	5,093	2,691	2,154	1,886
1980	5,386	2,475	2,686	2,058
1981	4,969	2,696	2,617	2,333
1982	4,268	2,392	2,354	2,104
1983	4,828	2,151	2,079	1,798
1984	3,802	2,211	2,172	2,002
1985	3,679	2,154	2,329	1,998
1986	4,826	1,969	2,659	2,168
1987	4,626	2,143	2,200	2,052
1988	5,720	2,360	2,078	2,032
1989	5,554	2,894	2,288	2,177
1990	6,372	2,512	2,843	2,351
1991	7,171	2,630	2,919	2,526
1992	6,342	2,793	2,798	2,470
1993	6,346	2,514	3,346	2,782
1994	5,614	2,435	3,086	2,867
1995	4,514	2,709	3,170	2,653
1996	4,817	1,641	2,766	2,349
1997	4,343	1,878	2,328	2,299
1998	3,498	1,960	2,039	2,097
1999	3,379	2,005	1,822	1,761
2000	3,526	1,873	1,691	1,918

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Homicide Offending Rates per 100,000 Population for Cities over 100,000 by Population Group				
	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	22.5	19.3	17.3	12.5
1977	25.1	18.3	16.4	12.8
1978	27.7	19.8	17.4	12.0
1979	32.0	21.0	19.0	12.7
1980	35.3	22.9	23.8	15.0
1981	32.1	22.0	22.8	15.8
1982	29.4	19.9	20.2	14.0
1983	29.6	16.6	17.4	11.7
1984	28.1	18.6	17.6	12.6
1985	27.8	17.7	18.6	12.1
1986	26.4	17.6	20.7	14.0
1987	25.5	19.7	17.0	12.2
1988	32.5	20.1	18.9	14.3
1989	34.6	22.4	19.7	14.3
1990	37.8	26.1	23.2	16.1
1991	42.6	25.5	23.6	17.3
1992	35.9	22.1	21.4	15.1
1993	33.5	22.6	24.7	17.0
1994	28.7	20.7	24.9	17.5
1995	25.4	21.4	24.3	15.2
1996	24.8	16.9	20.1	14.6
1997	21.1	18.3	19.5	13.6
1998	17.4	19.3	15.7	13.1
1999	16.4	16.4	15.7	10.2
2000	16.2	15.9	14.0	11.5

**Homicide Offenders for Cities over 100,000 Population
by Population Group**

	One Million and over	500K - 999K	250K - 499K	100K - 249K
1976	4,076	2,398	2,052	1,874
1977	4,558	2,355	1,814	2,023
1978	4,918	2,341	2,034	1,934
1979	5,647	2,605	2,200	1,992
1980	6,146	2,661	2,891	2,368
1981	5,650	2,671	2,706	2,582
1982	4,732	2,450	2,490	2,280
1983	5,295	2,083	2,220	1,963
1984	4,186	2,228	2,375	2,148
1985	4,125	2,127	2,514	2,087
1986	5,276	1,882	2,778	2,363
1987	5,148	2,100	2,294	2,134
1988	6,603	2,339	2,223	2,238
1989	6,686	2,713	2,466	2,325
1990	7,546	2,658	3,035	2,642
1991	8,606	2,776	3,073	2,841
1992	7,313	2,692	2,979	2,782
1993	7,113	2,526	3,293	3,208
1994	6,128	2,549	3,192	3,356
1995	5,110	2,743	3,147	2,958
1996	5,533	1,766	2,636	2,842
1997	4,735	1,904	2,381	2,503
1998	3,756	2,124	1,933	2,398
1999	3,578	1,981	1,865	1,853
2000	3,896	2,005	1,687	2,248

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Percent Intimate Homicide Victims by Location

	Large city		Small city		Suburban		Rural	
	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown	Intimate	Nonintimate or Unknown
1976	13.2%	86.8%	18.8%	81.2%	17.6%	82.4%	19.7%	80.3%
1977	11.8%	88.2%	17.8%	82.2%	15.9%	84.1%	18.5%	81.5%
1978	11.4%	88.6%	15.9%	84.1%	15.9%	84.1%	17.6%	82.4%
1979	10.0%	90.0%	15.5%	84.5%	16.1%	83.9%	18.1%	81.9%
1980	9.3%	90.7%	15.5%	84.5%	14.1%	85.9%	17.1%	82.9%
1981	9.9%	90.1%	16.5%	83.5%	15.0%	85.0%	17.9%	82.1%
1982	9.7%	90.3%	14.8%	85.2%	14.9%	85.1%	17.4%	82.6%
1983	10.2%	89.8%	16.5%	83.5%	16.8%	83.2%	19.3%	80.7%
1984	10.5%	89.5%	17.2%	82.8%	14.9%	85.1%	17.3%	82.7%
1985	9.6%	90.4%	16.6%	83.4%	16.3%	83.7%	20.3%	79.7%
1986	9.3%	90.7%	15.5%	84.5%	15.8%	84.2%	19.2%	80.8%
1987	8.9%	91.1%	15.7%	84.3%	15.0%	85.0%	18.3%	81.7%
1988	8.5%	91.5%	14.9%	85.1%	16.3%	83.7%	18.8%	81.2%
1989	7.3%	92.7%	14.9%	85.1%	15.6%	84.4%	17.8%	82.2%
1990	6.8%	93.2%	14.2%	85.8%	14.3%	85.7%	17.5%	82.5%
1991	6.2%	93.8%	13.7%	86.3%	13.2%	86.8%	17.6%	82.4%
1992	5.9%	94.1%	12.9%	87.1%	13.2%	86.8%	18.5%	81.5%
1993	6.0%	94.0%	12.1%	87.9%	14.4%	85.6%	18.8%	81.3%
1994	5.7%	94.3%	12.2%	87.8%	13.6%	86.4%	17.8%	82.2%
1995	5.6%	94.4%	11.9%	88.1%	12.9%	87.1%	15.8%	84.2%
1996	6.0%	94.0%	10.3%	89.7%	14.0%	86.0%	19.7%	80.3%
1997	5.9%	94.1%	11.7%	88.3%	13.3%	86.7%	18.6%	81.4%
1998	6.8%	93.2%	12.4%	87.6%	16.1%	83.9%	20.8%	79.2%
1999	6.8%	93.2%	12.8%	87.2%	15.8%	84.2%	19.6%	80.4%
2000	7.1%	92.9%	11.9%	88.1%	15.9%	84.1%	22.0%	78.0%

Note: Large city refers to cities with a population of 100,000 or more while small city refers to cities with less than 100,000 population.

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.

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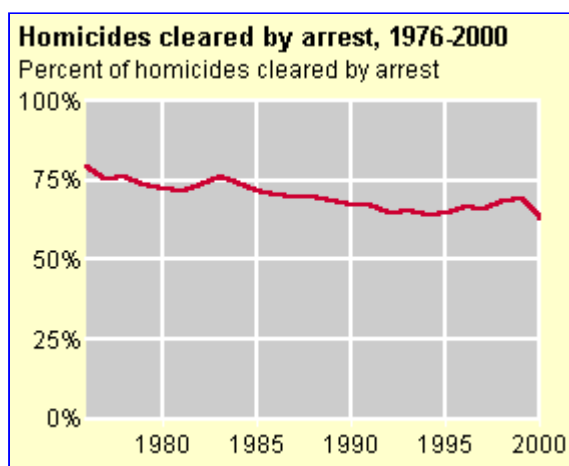
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Clearances

The percentage of homicides cleared by arrest has been declining until recently

- In 2000, 63% of all homicides were cleared compared to 79% in 1976
- Homicide has the highest clearance rate of all serious crimes

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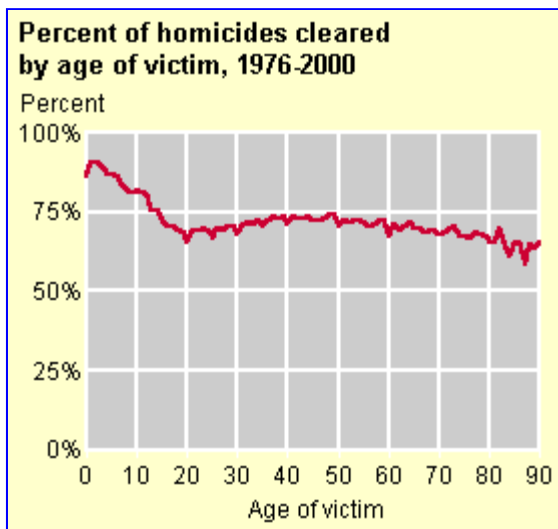


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Note: Law enforcement agencies clear or solve an offense when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. Law enforcement agencies may also clear a crime by exceptional means such as when an identified offender is killed during apprehension or commits suicide.

Clearance rates vary according to the age of the victim; homicides of children are most likely to be cleared

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Percent Cleared by Victim Age

Age of Victim	Cleared		Uncleared	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0	5,438	86.1%	880	13.9%
1	3,232	90.5%	341	9.5%
2	2,661	90.3%	285	9.7%
3	1,637	89.6%	191	10.4%
4	1,119	87.0%	166	13.0%
5	848	86.8%	129	13.2%
6	679	86.5%	106	13.5%
7	620	83.8%	120	16.2%
8	565	81.7%	126	18.3%
9	548	81.4%	125	18.6%
10	549	82.0%	121	18.0%
11	563	81.2%	130	18.8%
12	800	80.3%	196	19.7%
13	1,105	75.5%	358	24.5%
14	2,019	75.4%	659	24.6%
15	3,295	71.8%	1,296	28.2%
16	5,283	70.6%	2,197	29.4%
17	7,699	70.3%	3,248	29.7%
18	9,647	69.4%	4,245	30.6%
19	11,464	68.4%	5,304	31.6%
20	11,579	65.6%	6,062	34.4%
21	12,118	69.0%	5,442	31.0%
22	12,358	69.2%	5,502	30.8%
23	12,247	69.5%	5,371	30.5%
24	11,876	69.1%	5,316	30.9%
25	12,533	66.8%	6,232	33.2%
26	11,564	69.5%	5,070	30.5%
27	11,018	69.0%	4,940	31.0%
28	10,626	70.3%	4,498	29.7%

29	10,499	70.4%	4,413	29.6%
30	10,867	67.9%	5,126	32.1%
31	9,187	71.3%	3,698	28.7%
32	9,388	71.4%	3,755	28.6%
33	8,384	71.0%	3,431	29.0%
34	8,558	72.5%	3,239	27.5%
35	8,519	70.2%	3,617	29.8%
36	7,406	72.1%	2,870	27.9%
37	7,079	73.5%	2,558	26.5%
38	6,860	73.0%	2,539	27.0%
39	6,489	73.7%	2,315	26.3%
40	6,549	71.1%	2,655	28.9%
41	5,569	73.6%	2,002	26.4%
42	5,657	72.7%	2,119	27.3%
43	4,870	72.9%	1,807	27.1%
44	4,539	73.9%	1,603	26.1%
45	4,594	72.6%	1,733	27.4%
46	3,987	72.4%	1,517	27.6%
47	3,888	73.1%	1,428	26.9%
48	3,483	74.4%	1,198	25.6%
49	3,434	74.3%	1,189	25.7%
50	3,575	70.6%	1,488	29.4%
51	2,831	72.2%	1,088	27.8%
52	2,925	71.7%	1,154	28.3%
53	2,659	72.1%	1,031	27.9%
54	2,576	72.4%	980	27.6%
55	2,524	71.8%	992	28.2%
56	2,251	70.3%	950	29.7%
57	2,189	71.1%	889	28.9%
58	1,919	72.1%	741	27.9%
59	1,874	72.6%	708	27.4%
60	1,900	67.1%	931	32.9%
61	1,692	71.2%	683	28.8%
62	1,785	68.9%	805	31.1%
63	1,586	70.6%	659	29.4%
64	1,395	71.6%	553	28.4%
65	1,601	69.9%	691	30.1%
66	1,148	69.8%	497	30.2%
67	1,248	68.4%	577	31.6%
68	1,138	69.1%	508	30.9%

69	1,050	69.4%	464	30.6%
70	1,137	68.2%	531	31.8%
71	932	68.5%	429	31.5%
72	1,063	69.6%	464	30.4%
73	872	70.4%	366	29.6%
74	839	67.6%	401	32.4%
75	845	67.6%	404	32.4%
76	721	66.8%	358	33.2%
77	674	68.7%	307	31.3%
78	641	67.7%	306	32.3%
79	618	67.2%	301	32.8%
80	590	65.3%	313	34.7%
81	500	65.2%	267	34.8%
82	513	69.5%	225	30.5%
83	396	63.5%	228	36.5%
84	338	60.9%	217	39.1%
85	337	65.6%	177	34.4%
86	329	65.5%	173	34.5%
87	224	58.6%	158	41.4%
88	194	64.5%	107	35.5%
89	145	63.8%	82	36.2%
90	157	65.1%	84	34.9%

Source: FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1976-2000.
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Percent of Homicides Cleared by Arrest

	Percent cleared
1976	79%
1977	76%
1978	76%
1979	73%
1980	72%
1981	72%
1982	74%
1983	76%
1984	74%
1985	72%
1986	70%
1987	70%
1988	70%
1989	68%
1990	67%
1991	67%
1992	65%
1993	66%
1994	64%
1995	65%
1996	67%
1997	66%
1998	69%
1999	69%
2000	63%

Source: FBI, Crime in the United States, 1976 through 2000

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Data Sources

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)

Launched 70 years ago, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects and publishes criminal offense, arrest, and law enforcement personnel statistics. Under the UCR program, law enforcement agencies submit information to the FBI monthly. Offense information is collected on the eight Index offenses of homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Information on the the number of persons arrested includes many additional crime types such as drug abuse violations and driving under the influence. The FBI annually publishes data from the UCR in *Crime in the United States*. The UCR is one of the two major national indicators about crime. For more information about these two indicators, see *The Nation's Two Crime Measures*.

The UCR program collects only those data which come to the attention of law enforcement through victim reports or observation. Of all the crimes included in the UCR, homicide is the most complete. Homicide counts suffer from a minimal level of underreporting. In addition, the number of crimes where law enforcement makes an arrest or clears the offense is the highest for homicide compared to the other serious offenses collected by the UCR. Other offenses including forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault are currently available only in summary count form without details about the incident, victims, or offenders. Homicide information -- through the Supplementary Homicide Reports data -- is available in incident form.

FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR)

Most of the data used here are from the Supplementary Homicide Reports which is a part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Supplemental data about homicide incidents are submitted monthly with detail on location, victim, and offender characteristics. These reports include information on the month and year of an offense, on the reporting agency and its residential population, county and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) codes, geographic division, and population group, on the age, race, and sex of victims and offenders, and on the victim/offender relationship, weapon use, and circumstance of the crime. For the years 1976-2000, contributing agencies provided supplemental data for 466,195 of the estimated 512,550 murders. Supplemental data were also reported for 516,005 of the estimated 564,547 offenders.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA)

Also a part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, LEOKA utilizes data from several sources including the Uniform Crime Reports. Once notified of a line-of-duty death, the FBI contacts the employing agency to obtain additional details. LEOKA includes data about Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who were killed feloniously or by accidents or who were assaulted. An **annual report** is published by the FBI.

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Methodology

Homicide as defined here includes murder and nonnegligent manslaughter which is the willful killing of one human being by another. Excluded are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder. The classification of this offense is based solely on police investigation, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body.

Not all agencies which report offense information to the FBI also submit supplemental data on homicides. About 91% of homicides reported in the UCR are included in the SHR. To account for the total number of homicides, this analysis weighted the SHR data to match national and State estimates prepared by the FBI. All victim-based analyses are adjusted in this manner.

While many agencies report supplemental data on homicides, much of the data concerning offenders may not be reported because no suspects were identified. The most significant problem in using SHR data to analyze offender characteristics is the sizable and growing number of unsolved homicides contained in the data file. Ignoring unsolved homicides, of course, would seriously understate calculated rates of offending by particular subgroups of the population, distort trends over time among these same subgroups, and bias observed patterns of offending to the extent that the rate of missing offender data is associated with offender characteristics.

To adjust for unsolved homicides, a method for offender imputation has been devised, using available information about the victims murdered in both solved and unsolved homicides. Through this imputation algorithm, the demographic characteristics of unidentified offenders are inferred on the basis of similar homicide cases -- similar in terms of the victim profile and State and year of the offense -- that had been solved. In other words, offender profiles for unsolved crimes are estimated based on the offender profiles in solved cases matched on victim age, sex, and race as well as year and State. All offender-based estimates were imputed using this procedure.

The data file analyzed will be available from the the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.

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Related sites

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- **Homicide Trends and Characteristics** by State and local agency for jurisdictions with more than 250,000 population data is available from [Data Online](#).
- **Crime and Victims Page**
- **Key Facts at a Glance**
- **Crime & Justice Electronic Data Abstracts**
 - Homicide victimization and offending rates of juveniles and young adults, by State, 1976-99
 - Number of homicides and population for cities with estimated population 100,000 or more, from 1985-97
- **Trends in Juvenile Violence** including 1997 update by James Alan Fox, Professor of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- **Bridging Gaps in Police Crime Data** a discussion paper on the FBI's UCR program including the SHR prepared by Michael D. Maltz, University of Illinois at Chicago under the BJS Visiting Fellows Program

- ***Policing and Homicide, 1976-98: Justifiable Homicide of Felons by Police and Murder of Police by Felons*** presents annual trends from 1976 to 1998 in two types of homicide: justifiable homicides of felons by police, and murders of police officers by felons.

Federal Bureau of Investigation - Uniform Crime Reports

National Institute of Justice - *Homicide in Eight U.S. Cities* (Acrobat file)

Statistical Briefing Book from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

National Archive of Criminal Justice Data

Analyze Homicide Data Online

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

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